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Times survey exposes grave failures in the jury system



Mr David Cocks, QC: research on juries.

By Jack Crossley and Frances Gibb

An inquiry by *The Times* has revealed deep concern that the British jury system may be failing the cause of justice.

In a series of interviews, jurors have told how verdicts are too often affected by prejudice, anti-police bias and ignorance – and by juries that do not represent a balanced cross-section of the community.

The Times's findings are supported by new and completely separate research by the Criminal Bar Association, which has concluded that the jury selection system is "primitive" and prone to produce unrepresentative and even "bizarre" juries.

While there is widespread agreement that the system must stay, pressure is building from government officials, senior judges and lawyers who want jury selection to be made more rigorous and fair. Some, however, want juries abolished altogether, at least in cases of libel, complex fraud and petty crime.

Jurors spoke frankly to *The Times* of their misgivings over selection procedures, badly presented evidence, perverse verdicts based on prejudice, illiterate jurors and juries that are unrepresentative of society.

They also complained of fellow jurors announcing their intention to bring in Not Guilty verdicts before hearing any evidence. The latest figures from the Lord Chancellor's Department show that half the defendants in England and Wales who plead not guilty are acquitted. In London, the acquittal rate is 55 per cent. Former jurors repeatedly criticized the way respectably dressed people were often eliminated from juries – producing an imbalance in favour of the young and unemployed. The unrepresentative nature of juries was also one of the key areas of research conducted by the Criminal Bar Association. The study's results confirm that the present

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system contains defects that result in juries which are often far from being a random cross-section of the community.

Among the concerns to be voiced by the CBA when it publishes its findings soon are:

- That there is no statutory requirement that jurors should be able to read and write;
- That there is such a wide discretion to excuse people from jury service that large numbers of self-employed and professional people do not serve;
- That jury panels are compiled manually, without the help of computer technology to ensure a broad cross-section;
- That there is no consistency in the way courts select the jurors;
- That jury vetting by the Crown and the Crown's right to challenge jurors, produce a massive imbalance in the selection system. (From January, the defence loses the right of peremptory challenge.)

Mr David Cocks, QC, chairman of the CBA, does not believe there is a crisis of confidence in the system, but argues that a more modern selection process whereby jurors would be designated by job, sex and ethnic origin, would ensure a more statistically verifiable cross-section.

The association is also concerned that it has become too easy to be excused jury duty.

"It means we are losing a lot of members of the professional classes and businessmen who ought to be on juries, and tending to end up, in long cases, with a strong proportion of the unemployed and manual workers," Mr Cocks said.

Senior police officers believe the jury remains an essential part of the legal system but there is "welling concern" at abuses that have removed independence and authoritiveness from the institution.

Officers believe they are battling against a body which that has somehow been turned against them by legal or criminal means.

Mr Peter Wright, chief constable of South Yorkshire Police and the new president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, told *The Times* of "concern about apparent abuses over recent years", ranging from the ease with which some criminals have been appointed to juries to outright "nobbling" tactics and deliberate attempts by defence counsel to create a jury favourable to their client's cause.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, defends the jury system on the strength of a five-point plan being implemented by the Government. He said: "The aim is to ensure the safety and efficiency of the system, one of the most critical parts of the machinery of justice."

The five parts of the plan, either already in force or soon to be, are:

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Rail privatization plan

Channon lists five options on BR sell-off

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government is examining five options for returning the railways to the private sector after 40 years of state control.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, is preparing to set out the possible methods for carrying out the privatization of British Rail in a speech on Friday.

They range from a sell-off in one unit of the whole British Rail network and its services, to a division of the industry into regional companies, evoking memories of famous old railways such as the Great Western and the London, Midland and Scottish.

Mr Channon was cheered at the Conservative conference two weeks ago when he disclosed that he wanted to look at the future of British Rail to see whether privatization was the way ahead.

Work had been going on within the Department of Transport from early this year on the ways in which big state industries could be made private again.

The methods being considered by the Government are:

- Selling off the industry in one unit, a British Rail PLC, which would go into the private sector more or less in the same shape as it is now.
- Allowing one big organization, public or private, to become a track authority own-

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ing all the railways' tracks and infrastructure, and then allowing private companies to compete to run particular lines.
- Selling off British Rail sector by sector. Each of the main parts of British Rail, Network SouthEast, Inter City, Provincial and Railfreight, would be sold as separate businesses.
- Breaking up the whole rail network into regional companies across the country.
- An amalgamation of all the options combining what may prove to be shown by the Government's studies as the strengths of each. For example sectors such as Inter City could have their own track authorities with companies to run services in their areas.

Mr Channon is committed to privatization, provided, as he believes, it can be shown by the examination going on to be likely to benefit the travelling public.

He is to outline the privatization options in a speech to the Centre for Policy Studies, a leading Conservative think tank.

A regional split-up was an option favoured in the centre's paper published earlier this year.

Ministers believe that the Channel Tunnel is likely to give a boost to Britain's rail industry.

Mr Channon, at the party conference, announced that private companies were being invited to build or own the high-speed rail link from the tunnel to London.

With British Rail last year achieving a record profit, ministers believe that rail is now a riper prospect for privatization than possibly at any time since nationalization in 1948.

Mr Channon is unlikely on Friday to pin his colours to any of the options, because the stated purpose of the internal studies is to determine how best it could be achieved.

The moves are further confirmation of the Government's resolve to press on with its privatization campaign.

The current Parliament will see the passage of legislation to sell off the water and electricity industries.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, has pledged that British Coal will be privatized in the next Parliament.

Senior ministers are increasingly confident that British Rail will also figure as a manifesto pledge. British Rail Engineering and the Travellers Fare catering section are already on their way into the private sector.

Mr Channon said two weeks ago: "British Rail has a bright future. Passengers are up, profits are up and the Channel Tunnel is coming. I intend to ensure that Britain's railways fulfil their potential to play a great role in the twenty-first century."

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Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

- The weekly £8,000 Portfolio prize was shared by five winners (see page 3). Today's Accumulator stands at £270,000 – or there is the daily prize of £4,000 to be won.
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Hopes for Elstree

Mr George Walker, head of the Brent Walker group and owner of Goldcrest Films, has outlined plans to develop Elstree Studios as the centre of Britain's independent film industry.

He intends that a significant minority interest will be held by a Hollywood film company, a move that would open up the US market ..... Page 25

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The Government faces more pressure this week on compensation for Barlow Clowes investors and Labour will put forward its conclusions on the Le Quesne report ..... Page 25

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Two way treble: Bob Matthews (395), who is blind, using his British pacer (left) as his eyes to win the 1,500 metres, his third gold medal, at the Seoul Paralympics. Report, page 47

Ministers face rebellion over child benefit freeze

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Government appears to be heading for a serious backbench revolt over its decision to freeze child benefit for the second successive year.

The decision, forced on Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, during public spending negotiations, met with a chorus of disapproval yesterday from Conservative MPs.

They seem unlikely to be satisfied with efforts to temper the adverse impact of the move through the allocation of more resources for low income families through family credit and income support.

Mr Moore has yet to reach a settlement with the Treasury on the size of such an increase, but it is believed that he will get an additional sum to help him sell the child benefit freeze.

Child benefit is likely to be held indefinitely at its present level of £7.25, allowing it to "wither on the vine" before being abolished after the next general election.

Last night, as the Opposition prepared a full-scale attack on the Government over child benefit and its general handling of the economy and public spending, Mr Neil Kinnock accused ministers of "penny-pinching meanness".

The Labour leader said: "Huge numbers of families, especially those with low-paid bread-winners, have lost and will lose desperately needed income if child benefit is frozen again."

Conservative MPs called on the Government to reconsider its decision.

Sir Ian Gilmour, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, said: "To freeze it again would be inexcusable. If you want to give more money to poorer people by all means do so, but not at the expense of child benefit. I hope they will think again."

Eighteen Conservative MPs voted against the Government, and several abstained, in January over the freezing of the benefit last year. A larger rebellion is expected this time.

Row over who caused sinking of Greek liner

From Mario Modiano, Athens, and Paul Bompard, Rome

Greek and Italian shipping officials yesterday traded opposing stories of how the Greek liner Jupiter, carrying almost 400 British schoolchildren, was sunk off the port of Piraeus, near Athens, on Friday.

The skipper of the Italian freighter Adige, Captain Flavio Caminale, blamed the Greek ship for not altering course until it was too late when it left Piraeus. His ship, he said, had stopped to wait for a pilot and was actually reversing to avoid a collision when the accident happened.

Captain Caminale, who is under arrest on charges of criminal negligence, said that the Jupiter was blown against his ship by strong winds as it tried to swerve away at the last minute.

But Mr Evanghelos Yiannopoulos, the Greek Minister of Merchant Marine, announcing that a board of inquiry had been set up, said there was no doubt that the Adige had rammed the Jupiter at great speed. Shipping sources in Piraeus also denied tha captain's claim of strong winds, saying they were light at the time.

As the argument raged over responsibility for the near-disaster, hopes were fading fast of finding two Britons still missing more than 48 hours after the collision, although Greek authorities were continuing their search.

The two are Miss Vivienne Barley, aged 14, a pupil, and Mr Bernard Butt, aged 41, a history teacher, both from TP Riley school at Walsall in the West Midlands.

Two of the Jupiter's 133 crew were killed in the accident. The liner was carrying 475 British schoolchildren and teachers on an eight-day tour of classical sights in the Greek islands, Egypt, Israel and Turkey. She was sliced in half by the bulbous bow of the Italian car freighter hitting the liner amidships below the waterline, and sank within an hour.

Mr Anthony Greedy, a spokesman for Epirotiki Lines, owners of the 6,300-ton Jupiter, said the chances of finding Miss Barley alive were practically nil.

"However the search on the beaches and along the coastline is still going on," he said. She was last seen by friends as she prepared to jump from the ship into the water and they said she looked very scared.

The case of Mr Butt was more puzzling. He had originally been listed as being in hospital, escorting children treated for shock. But when the children left hospital on Saturday he was not with them. A British Embassy spokesman said: "After a cross

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check there are now doubts that anyone actually saw him ashore after the accident. It is, therefore, possible that he may have been lost at sea."

Greek radio and television have been asked to broadcast calls for information, suggesting that Mr Butt may have become lost, possibly suffering from amnesia after shock. Mr Greedy said a full land and sea search for Mr Butt was in progress, including hospitals and hotels.

In interviews with the BBC and the Italian daily *Corriere della Sera*, Captain Caminale said his ship had been stationary waiting for a pilot as

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Union threatens power cuts

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The general secretary of the electricians' union warned yesterday of power blackouts if the Government dismissed remaining trade unionists at General Communications Headquarters (GCHQ).

Mr Eric Hammond said that whatever emergency provisions were made Britain faced widespread electricity blackouts on the TUC day of action on November 7. He made a withering attack at a Liverpool conference of the white-collar section of his union on what he termed the "hypocrisy of the Government" in taking away the right of individuals to join a union.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, which was expelled from the TUC over the issue of single-union, no-strike agreements, will send ballot papers today to 40,000 members in the electrical supply industry urging them to support a one-day strike.

- The electricians' union announced yesterday a series of mergers with staff associations which will be used as a launch pad to recruit members from TUC-affiliated unions.

Computer ring hunted after arrest of hacker

By Andrew Moger

A sophisticated electronic hunt was widening last night for computer hackers who have gained access to some of the world's most sensitive systems, including defence data.

Police who arrested a computer enthusiast at Surrey University while he was at his screen are in contact with detectives and security specialists in other countries to establish how many hackers have shared clearance codes.

The man was part of an informal international club whose members have penetrated 200 official systems.

Scotland Yard was called in after the man offered to demonstrate his technique to a major company for a fee. He was cautioned by police.

Widows stand at Alamein graves 46 years on

From Christopher Walker
El Alamein

"Now, for the very first time, I understand what he meant when he wrote in 1942, 'There is just sand, sand and more sand, and beyond that even more sand.' It makes you wonder how they ever fought a war in terrible conditions like this."

The speaker, dressed all in black, despite the blistering heat of the western desert, was Mrs Elizabeth Graham, aged 78, one of a party of doughty British war widows and other relatives of Desert Rats who arrived here yesterday with Mr George Younger, the Defence Minister, to commemorate the men who died in the Battle of El Alamein 46 years ago.

Accompanying Mrs Graham in a black veil and hat was her daughter, Eileen, who was five months old when her father, a rifleman, was killed in the fighting. "This is as close as I have ever got to him," she said as she discovered his grave, one of a depressing forest of nearly 7,000 in neat rows across the sand of the Commonwealth War Cemetery.

Some – incongruously, in Egypt, which reached a peace treaty with Israel only nine years ago – bear a Star of David on the neatly-kept headstone, showing that the dead soldier was Jewish.

The graves and neighbouring monument, on which is inscribed the names of a further 11,945 allied soldiers and airmen who died but whose bodies were never found, contrasts sharply with the nearby El Alamein Museum, the Egyptian Army's tribute to the battles in the western desert.

There, to the acute embarrassment of Western officials, almost every name is spelled wrongly. De Gaulle becomes "Degoul", Wavell is spelled "Weevel", Auchinleck translates from Arabic as "Ocknolik" and even Montgomery emerges as "Montegomery". The museum, the product of years of neglect, was described by one Westerner as "pathetic if it was not supposed to commemorate something of such importance".

Yesterday's arrival of the widows, many wilting in the heat as they sought shelter behind a small bush or under parasols, was part of a new policy by Whitehall to pay seven-eighths of the price of a visit to a grave in a foreign field. The payment was introduced in the aftermath of the Falklands War.

Also braving yesterday's unrelenting sun were a number of veteran Desert Rats, returning for the first time in nearly half a century to the scene of the battle which began, as one recalled, on October 23, 1942, with a simultaneous barrage from 1,000 allied artillery pieces.

"Looking at this number of graves is very emotional even though it was a long time ago," explained Mr William Hutchings, formerly a sergeant with the Essex Regiment. "Until you see it like this, you never realise just how

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Space detection tests on loch

Tests which could lead to submarines being detected from space are being carried out at a Scottish loch by the Royal Aircraft Establishment in collaboration with the Royal Navy and the United States Navy.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed yesterday that the tests were being held at Loch Linnhe, the 22-mile sea loch on the west coast of Scotland, as part of a long-term study into the "basic scientific understanding of the ocean".

It is believed that fundamental research could be applied to detecting submarines from space, complementing existing sonar methods. Methods of intercepting missiles were also being studied.

Through better understanding of surface changes in the ocean, scientists hope to be able to pinpoint activities such as submarine movements. Professor John Erickson, head of the Centre for Defence Studies at Edinburgh University, said both the West and the Soviet Union saw space detection as having important implications for arms reductions.

£6m for research

The Agricultural and Food Research Council is giving more than £6 million to scientists studying new vaccines, genetic engineering and environmentally safe pesticides. Details of 90 new projects are outlined in the council's latest spending statement. Those include genetic research on cattle diseases at Queen's University in Belfast, which could have valuable spin-offs for the development of an Aids vaccine; and an investigation at Cambridge University into viral infections in birds.

US bridge triumph

The United States captured the only bridge prize it had never won when it beat Austria by 289 points to 246 in the final of the 56-nation world Olympiad in Venice. The US team, made up of five professionals and a department store owner, clinched the Vanderbilt Trophy after a high-scoring game marked by ragged bidding and play. The bronze medal was won by Sweden, the European champions, while India was fourth. Denmark beat Britain in the women's final.

Swim case to proceed

The case against the crew of a British trawler blamed for the death of a Brazilian cross-Channel swimmer is to go ahead, but they are unlikely to be imprisoned if they are found guilty, senior legal sources in Boulogne, northern France, said yesterday. Mr Colin Cook, captain of the 50 ft Hilda May, and his mate, Mr Graham Featherbe, were charged earlier this month with failing to save the life of Renata Agondi, aged 25, during her attempt to beat a cross-Channel record August 23.

Langan still serious

Mr Peter Langan, the restaurateur, was still unconscious on a life support machine in St Andrew's Hospital, Billericay, Essex, last night two days after being engulfed by flames at his home. Police, who suspect arson, will have to wait three weeks before they can interview Mr Langan, who was "serious but stable" with burns to 25 per cent of his body.

Piggott release soon

Lester Piggott is expected to be released from Highpoint prison, Suffolk, on Friday. The former champion jockey, who was jailed for tax offences, may be home earlier if the prison governor uses his discretionary powers.

MPs to summon car chief over 'asset stripping'

Watchdog investigates Rover sale

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

The Government's sale of the Rover Group to British Aerospace is going to be investigated by the National Audit Office, the independent body charged with ensuring that the taxpayer gets value for money.

The investigation will be one of a series into individual privatizations but could have far-reaching political repercussions, particularly in the light of recent allegations that BAe stands to make huge sums from "asset stripping" the Rover Group and Royal Ordnance, another recent purchase from the Government.

The Commons Public Accounts Committee will, on the basis of the audit office's findings, cross-examine officials from the Department of Trade and Industry before producing its report. On Wednesday the committee will be considering a draft report from its chairman, Mr Robert Sheldon, the Labour MP for Ashton-under-Lyne, on the £190 million Royal Ordnance sale.

Mr Sheldon's report was drawn up before allegations that BAe stands to make an estimated £450 million from the closure and redevelopment of some Royal Ordnance sites, but is nonetheless highly critical of the Government.

The report will say that Royal Ordnance was sold in haste to meet the Government's privatization timetable and that optimum returns for the taxpayer were not obtained. However, it is expected that the committee will decide either to re-write the report in much stronger terms in the light of what is now known of BAe's plans for Royal Ordnance, or to reopen its inquiry and summon witnesses from the Ministry of Defence for further questioning.

In another development, it has been learnt that Mr Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group, told a private meeting of the trade and industry committee last May that he had no plans to close any of his plants.

However, two months later, within two weeks of BAe completing its purchase of Rover, Mr Day had announced the closure of plants in Cowley South and Llanelli. Some MPs on the committee see this as further powerful evidence that BAe is planning to "asset strip" Britain's last volume car manufacturer.

They suspect BAe wants to limit Rover production to up-market cars, leaving it free to close down mass production facilities and to re-develop large tracts of valuable property.

The trade and industry committee is also meeting on Wednesday and will almost certainly decide to recall Mr Day. It may also recall Professor Roland Smith, the BAe chairman who also gave evidence last May.

The MPs will want to establish whether Mr Day deliberately sought to mislead them, and exactly what future Rover has under BAe's.

Kinnock moves to break power of hard left

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Labour leadership will this week bring forward proposals to break the power of the hard left in the constituencies and eventually reduce the influence of trade unions within the party.

Mr Neil Kinnock is backing a rule change which would require constituency parties to hold ballots of party members in future leadership elections.

They were voluntary in this year's contest, but the 340 parties which held elections voted overwhelmingly for Mr Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, his deputy.

In a move of even greater internal significance, the national executive on Wednesday is expected to back the principle of one-member-one-vote elections by the constituency parties before they cast their votes in the annual NEC elections, and before they send their delegates to the annual conference.

It is expected to be proposed that such ballots should be voluntary in next year's elections, but be made mandatory by constitutional changes for the year after.

Party leaders hope the moves will be the first stage of an overhaul of the party constitution which will lead to the union block vote within the party being cut by as much as 50 per cent. Ballots, combined with the existing proposals to turn Labour into a mass membership party, would be likely to alter radically the composition of the predominantly far-left constituency delegations which attend Labour conferences, many of them opposing the policy changes Mr Kinnock is trying to push through, notably on defence.

Most union leaders now accept that their current voting strength of 90 per cent, compared with less than 10 per cent for the constituencies, is unacceptably high.

Mr Bill Morris, deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said at a conference organized by *Tribune* at the weekend that his union would support a change in the block vote.

Proposals for increased use of one-member-one-vote elections will be put to the executive on Wednesday by Mr John Evans, a close ally of Mr Kinnock, and are certain to be passed in spite of opposition from the hard left. Ballots for NEC places could result in several prominent left-wingers being thrown off.

Prodigy leads the field



Judit Polgar playing in the Duncan Lawrie chess tournament (Photograph: Marc Aspland).

The world's strongest chess progidy, a Hungarian girl aged 12, leads the field with a 100 per cent record after two rounds of the Duncan Lawrie international tournament at the Eccleston Hotel, London, yesterday.

Judit Polgar, the youngest of three sisters from Budapest, who have taken the chess world by storm, defeated Keith Arkell, international Master, in the first round and Michael Hennagan, under-18 world champion, yesterday.

Her results clearly outdistance those of the legendary Bobby Fischer and the reigning world champion Gary Kasparov when at the same age.

Kasparov and Alexander Beljavsky, from the Soviet Union, won their games in the sixteenth round of the World Cup chess tournament in Iceland on Saturday night to keep their joint first positions with 10.5 points.

The marathon tournament includes 18 of the strongest players in the world, and the winner will receive $20,000.

Kasparov forced Jaan Ehlvest to resign as soon as move 25.

Sinn Fein MP may take seat after ban

By Jamie Dettmer
Irish Affairs Correspondent

Mr Gerry Adams, Sinn Fein's president, may take up his seat at Westminster as MP for West Belfast and make his maiden speech in an attempt to ridicule the Government's media ban on members of terrorist-linked organizations.

It emerged at the weekend that IRA leaders are considering using the Sinn Fein president's right to speak in the Commons as part of their campaign to highlight the loopholes in the new ban.

A maiden speech by Mr Adams would almost certainly be covered live by radio and excerpts could be carried on television.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, made it clear last week that the ban on media interviews of members of the IRA and Sinn Fein and of nine other proscribed organizations does not stretch to coverage of speeches in the Commons.

Republican leaders believe that the stunt would provide enormous publicity. They also hope the Government would be so angered by the move that it might attempt to prevent Mr Adams' taking up his seat, triggering a constitutional dispute which hard-left Labour MPs would not be slow to pursue.

This is the second time in four months that the option of Mr Adams taking up his seat in the Commons has been discussed within the republican movement. During the summer, the Adams faction pushed the idea but the IRA's army council vetoed the plan.

The current advocates within the republican movement of Mr Adams taking up his seat have been careful to argue that he should only stay in the Commons until he has made his maiden speech.

Last night, the IRA warned gunmen from an Irish National Liberation Army splinter group that action will be taken against them if they do not stop "anti-social" incidents.

Members of the Irish People's Liberation Organization, born out of a feud two years ago, met IRA men after complaints from Catholics in west Belfast about unprovoked attacks.

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Suspended Harrods employee denies 'spying' for Lonrho

By Ruth Gledhill

A Harrods staff leader who has been suspended on full pay amid allegations of "treachery" said yesterday that he was disciplined after complaining to the Office of Fair Trading about staff morale under the Al-Fayeds.

But Mr Denis Meehan denied that he was a paid informer for Mr Tiny Rowland's Lonrho organization, which has been a bitter rival of the Knightsbridge store's Egyptian owners since they took over three years ago.

Mr Meehan, a sales assistant in the store's television and hi-fi department and chairman of the staff council, admitted to *The Times* that he had been in contact with Lonrho but said he acted "in the interests of Harrods as an institution and in the long-term interests of the staff".

"I have always been loyal to Harrods", he said. "To suggest that I am a paid informer is totally false."

He spent one and a half hours with three senior members of the fair trading office nearly two weeks ago and discussed staff morale.

He was suspended on full pay last Tuesday and faces a disciplinary hearing at 10am on Friday, when he will be asked to account for his offence, which was to meet and correspond with a senior executive of Lonrho.

It is the latest twist to the bitter business wrangle between Harrods and Lonrho.

Lonrho was beaten by the Al-Fayed brothers in the take-over battle for the House of Fraser group, which was eventually sold for more than £600 million.



Mr Denis Meehan: 'I have always been loyal'.

Mr Meehan, who is not a member of a union, said yesterday that he met Mr Terry Robinson, a Lonrho director, and discussed details of Harrods's pension schemes.

He denied a report that alleged he was a "paid agent" of Lonrho and that he had access to confidential information. "I did not receive a penny from Lonrho. I could not have passed them any confidential information because I did not have access to any", he said yesterday.

Mr Meehan was warned two weeks ago that Harrods was aware of an interview he had given to a magazine journalist. Last week he was called to a disciplinary hearing and accompanied Harrods security staff on a search of his desk, locker and office. A letter was found addressed to Mr Meehan's basement flat in Wandsworth, south-west London, which was signed by Mr Robinson.

Mr Meehan, aged 42, also wrote a letter to *The Times* in August last year, which was not for publication, but in which he alleged that staff morale at Harrods was at its lowest point since he joined the company.

A buyer, who has been with the Harrods for 10 years but asked not to be named, said many of the staff were behind Mr Meehan.

"Many of us do not feel that Harrods is being run as an English institution any longer. Mr Meehan has been always very open about his views. He was wrong to go to the Lonrho camp but, having said that, in his one year as council chairman he has done more for the staff than anyone else."

Mr Jeremy Nordberg, the store's personnel director, said: "It is quite clear that Denis Meehan has committed gross misconduct both as an employee and in his capacity as chairman of the staff council.

"He has secretly, deceitfully and treacherously had regular contact with Lonrho and the press."

A Harrods spokesman said: "Lonrho has been attacking the House of Fraser for 12 years. For someone to go and start talking to Lonrho about internal House of Fraser affairs was considered to be an act of extreme treachery."

Oxford team in Parkinson's disease find



Professor David Smith (left) with his team, (from left), Emma Robinson, Sarah Ramsay, Dr Noel Harris and Chris Webb (Photograph: Graham Wood).

By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

A substance to combat Parkinson's disease has been discovered by Oxford scientists, it was announced yesterday. The news comes on the first anniversary of a £20 million research pact between the university and a US drugs company.

Professor David Smith, Professor of Pharmacology, who set up the research agreement with E.R. Squibb, the US pharmaceutical group, refused to give details, but said the substance was the "first fruit" of the seven-year deal.

The announcement will boost the launch on Wednesday of the Campaign for Oxford, which aims to raise £200 million for the university.

Professor Smith said the US company was benefiting from Oxford's expertise because the British pharmaceutical industry had shown little or no interest in establishing links with the university.

When Oxford invited pharmaceutical companies to a seminar in 1986 to offer its expertise in the field of treatments for brain disorders such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases, only two British companies attended.

"I think it is sad because if a company is courageous and puts a small proportion of its research expenditure into a project with a university they stand a chance of getting something completely new. As academics we are always working 15 or 20 years away from a usable drug whereas drug companies have to work over say only five or ten years. Unlike Squibb, British companies do not seem prepared to take the long view", Professor Smith said.

"What is regrettable is that British companies do not seem to show much interest in the drug research work going on in our own universities. I hope we can change that."

Plea for addiction warnings

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A label warning of possible addiction should be put on drugs which contain benzodiazepine compounds, the active ingredient of tranquillizers which is taken by more than two and a half million Britons in the form of Valium, Librium and Ativan.

The recommendation has been made by a group of members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society which specializes in psychiatric drugs.

Advice from the Government's Committee on Safety of Medicines which drew the attention of general practitioners to dependence and withdrawal problems for long-term users of the drug, did not go far enough, it said.

"Benzodiazepine dependence is becoming increasingly worrying," the group said. The proposals, which are outlined in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*, describe as inadequate the prescribing policies of doctors, and say public education measures are insufficient to prevent people being damaged by the side-effects of medicines.

Patients forget verbal advice and throw away leaflets, so the group suggests a label on the drugs along the lines of the Government health warning on cigarette packets. "The label is what the patient will see", it says.

Doctor Peter Tyrer, consultant psychiatrist from Mapperley Hospital, Nottingham, told members of the group at a meeting in York that the strongest argument against long-term use of the compounds was their ineffectiveness. "These drugs no longer work to any significant degree after six weeks".

He reported a trial in Nottingham which compared the effects of benzodiazepine compounds with anti-depressants, placebos and methods of self-help.

At first all treatments did well but the benzodiazepine group began to differ from the others after four weeks. After 10 weeks those patients were the worst on all counts.

Prescriptions for tranquillizers total 25 million a year.

At least 300 people in Britain have instructed solicitors to begin compensation claims for addiction from their long-term use.

Extremists 'plant school governors'

By Our Education Reporter

A teachers' leader last night claimed to have "unarguable evidence" that extremist pressure groups were infiltrating the governing bodies of schools by standing for election as parent governors.

Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the moderate Professional Association of Teachers, said: "We have already come across situations where head teachers among our members have been confronted with parent governors who have been planted by a pressure group.

"They come from both the left and the right but they are all extremists in one shape or another. We have unarguable evidence that this is happening. What we have also faced is parent governors who are teachers at another school and are members of a particular pressure group."

Parents were being misled into voting for people who appeared to know something about education and could master its technical jargon.

"The truth is that we have got more than enough experts. What we need is some experts in the business of being parents", Mr Dawson said.

"What our schools need is parents who do not know anything about education to come in as parent governors and ask what appear to be the stupid questions like 'Why can't my child add up?', or 'Why do those teachers look as though they have slept rough?'." Mr Dawson said the Government was to blame because, in its enthusiasm for "parent power", it had failed to define just who was a genuine parent.

The Department of Education and Science said it would investigate the evidence if Mr Dawson presented it to ministers.

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Fair help for degree seekers

Sixth formers applying for degree-course places next year will benefit from the new "buyers' market" in higher education as universities and polytechnics chase a declining number of teenagers.

Their new-found status as "consumers" of education will increase the need for would-be students to be well informed about the courses on offer. But help will be at hand in the shape of *The Times* Higher Education Fair.

The largest event of its kind, the fair will bring together admissions officers from 105 universities, polytechnics and colleges and representatives of professional institutes and trade bodies.

The fair will offer sixth formers the chance to weigh up their choices well before they have to complete their application forms.

The Times Higher Education Fair will be at the National Hall, Olympia, London from June 8-10 1989.

Students 'must be abreast with news'

Students should read a serious newspaper as soon as they begin their degree studies, the Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, said yesterday.

Lord Adrian, who read *The Times* as an undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge, said he could understand if students felt they did not have enough time on their hands to keep up with the news.

However, he said: "Most of them are going to take up senior positions when they graduate and the sooner they start looking around them at the world in which they live, the better.

Lord Adrian said he welcomed the introduction of Presspass, *The Times* student discount scheme which offers anyone studying full time a 50 per cent saving on the cover price every day for a year.

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Portfolio PLUS Accumulator

Five winners shared the weekly Portfolio prize of £8,000 yesterday. Mr Allan Roberts, a retired railwayman from Bobblestock, Hereford and Worcester, intends to spend his share of £1,600 on a new kitchen for his wife and a new camping van. The other winners were: Mr Lennox Taylor, aged 45, from Hornsea, London; Mr Nigel Clark, aged 71, from Heathfield, East Sussex; Mr Peter Woolley, from Workington, Cumbria; and Mrs Marcela Pfeiffer, from Crystal Palace, London.

GMT set to go by 1992

By Patrick O'Hanlon

The Government is expected to approve moves to bring British timekeeping into line with the rest of Europe. A Green Paper is expected before the end of the year.

Greenwich Mean Time is likely to be dispensed with before the lifting of trade barriers in 1992, bringing an extra hour of light at the end of days between mid-October and mid-March.

The Policy Studies Institute, a right-wing think-tank, in a report entitled *Making the Most of Daylight Hours*, argues that the extra hour will save energy, boost tourism and cause fewer road accidents.

It is supported by the Confederation of British Industry and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

The European Commission is also pressing the Government to fall into line over the dates on which clocks are changed.

The last attempt to change British time was in 1968 when a three-year experiment with British Standard Time kept the country one hour ahead of GMT.

It was abandoned after a free vote in the Commons.

Property valuation

Call to sue estate agents

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House sellers should take estate agents to court if they believe the valuation of their properties is wrong, according to Mr Trevor Kent, vice-president of the National Association of Estate Agents.

"I would encourage this, and would like to see more pressure on estate agents to make sure their valuation is correct", he said yesterday.

The association has been pressing the Government to introduce a mandatory code of conduct for estate agents, but it favours self-regulation.

Mr Kent was speaking after the latest examples of house sales where the property has immediately been put on the market again at a higher price.

After a case at Foston in Lincolnshire, where the former school was sold for £37,000 and straightaway advertised for £69,950, two other cases have arisen.

Miss Sandra Lane had her one-bedroom maisonette valued at £37,000 by Anthony Hickman and Partners. It was bought by an employee and a week later sold for £46,500.

Mr Anthony Hickman, for Hickman's, said: "The fact that my firm's employee subsequently sold the flat at an increased price is hardly surprising in view of the very rapidly inflating property market at the time".

The flat was valued at a similar price by another agent.

In the second case, Mr Pat McCarthy sold his cottage at Shipton Moyne, Gloucestershire, for £83,000, through the agents Sandoes, and found it for sale again the next day at £101,000. Mr Michael Bennett, Sandoes director, said: "I think he is just a victim of soaring prices".

● The Government is coming under pressure from the Countryside Commission, the National Farmers' Union, the Country Landowners Association, and the Rural Development Commission to ensure that more land is made available to meet what is seen as a crisis in rural housing (John Young writes).

Thousands of young adults are forced out of villages, where their families may have lived for generations, not because they cannot find jobs but because they have nowhere to live.

Free flights with food and 4-star

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

More than half the average family's household expenditure could qualify for air ticket vouchers giving free travel on British Airways under an incentive shopping promotion. Consumers buying food, petrol, furnishings, clothing and a wide range of other goods in at least one outlet in every high street will be given a voucher.

The value of the voucher will depend on the amount spent and could range from a few pence on a tank of petrol to hundreds of pounds on a suite of furniture or even, as is being discussed, a house purchase. Once consumers have collected enough they will be able to redeem them for tickets on BA's off-peak flights.

The scheme will be run by Air Miles, in which BA has taken a 51 per cent stake. Details, including names of retailers taking part, will be publicized next week.

Skippers attack dock labour scheme

By Ronald Faux

When Hening Gadgorg, skipper of the Danish trawler Verona, arrived off Grimsby last Wednesday with 13 tonnes of North Sea cod to land, he had timed things perfectly. The market was buoyant, his fish were in prime condition and he would have time to put in two days' fishing on the trip home.

Sadly for Gadgorg and his crew, that was not to be. The Grimsby lumpers, the dockers who alone are allowed to unload fishing vessels, were too busy.

It was Thursday before her holds were emptied. By then the fish had lost their prime quality, the market price had fallen and Gadgorg had lost a day's fishing; a net loss to him of around £3,000.

Because of the quota system, he said, he had only one chance to go out and fish before being forced to stay in port for three months. "That means every penny we make on the market is important. Losing so much simply because there are not people to unload the boat was very bad", he said.

Grimsby is a National Dock Labour Scheme port which restricts cargo handling to registered dockers, a system branded as "archaic" by trawler skippers and owners. A group of only 42 lumpers serve about 200 local boats and 20 deep water Icelandic trawlers and vessels from European ports.

Olav Christensen, inshore skipper and chairman of the Grimsby Share Fishermen's Association, said: "There are peaks and troughs in the business and simply not enough men to handle the peaks. We understand that the dockers want to protect their jobs and sympathize with that, but why not allow part-time workers when demand is heavy or why not have fishermen members of the NDLB scheme? Better still, get rid of the scheme altogether".

Grimsby Port Services requires fishing vessels to report catch and estimated arrival time at least 48 hours before docking. But trawlermen say it is not possible to give such exact estimates.

Trawler owners are pinning their hopes on a judicial review as a result of their demands for more dockers for busy periods. Mr Peter Broomhead, TGWU branch secretary, said the lumpers would fight any return to the "bad old days" of dockers queueing for work. Grimsby Port Services said it could not afford a bigger permanent team.

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Law Society conference

Mackay wants specialists on medical negligence

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The setting up of specialist panels of solicitors to do legal aid cases involving medical negligence, personal injuries and housing was called for by the Lord Chancellor at the weekend.

Such panels, which would operate rather like hospital consultants and take on cases referred from general practitioners, would insure that the public was getting work of a minimum quality, Lord Mackay of Clashfern told the Law Society conference in Cardiff on Saturday.

If solicitors were to be allowed to charge a member of the public for a particular service it may well be that the client "should require as a pre-condition to have a certain level of qualification".

Lord Mackay added that the public was entitled to reasonable access to justice in a civilized society and "they must be entitled to it in a way which does not involve them in unnecessary expense".

He said that a scheme of specialist panels could work along the lines of the medical profession, with members of the public going first to a generalist legal-aid lawyer who would identify their problems and refer them to the appropriate specialist.

Later he added that he envisaged such panels might in the future also cover matrimonial work and crime.

The advantages of such panels were that they would encourage solicitors to keep up to date in knowledge of the law, practice and procedure; and help to insure specialist standards are maintained.

At first, solicitors would join panels on the basis of experience. But the right to remain on them and future admissions of new solicitors "must be more stringently controlled if professional standards are to be maintained and improved".

Panel members would also need access to continuing education to insure they remained ahead of new developments in the law.

"If the public can be confident that a solicitor on a specialist panel has these attributes then the specialist may find himself in a stronger position in the marketplace for both privately and publicly funded work", Lord Mackay said.

He welcomed moves by the Law Society to set up a personal injuries panel. There are already child care and mental health panels in operation. Housing and medical negligence might be other suitable areas.

He cited a recent medical negligence case that went through three sets of solicitors before it was successful. "Such mistakes are costly to the legal aid fund, do nothing for the profession's image and are damaging in more than financial terms to the client."

Lord Mackay also raised the question of whether there was work done by solicitors which could be done by non-lawyers. He had asked the Bar to consider whether work which was its sole preserve was appropriate for a specialist profession; and it was logical that the Law Society should do the same.

His comments come at a time when the new Legal Aid Board is drawing up plans to "contract out" advice work. Lord Mackay said the obvious areas for that were welfare benefits, debt, debt counselling, housing, employment and immigration.

He rebutted Law Society findings earlier this year that 40 per cent of criminal legal aid lawyers were giving up or seriously considering giving up such work.

He said that according to his information the number of solicitors' offices receiving legal aid payments has gone up in the past 12 years by more than 40 per cent.

In the same period payments had almost trebled and their value had increased more than seven-fold, he said.

However, Mr Cyril Glasser, a former consultant to the Lord Chancellor's legal aid advisory committee, said most people will be excluded from the legal aid scheme within a couple of years.

He predicted that the proportion of the population eligible for civil legal aid would drop "to a little over 40 per cent" if the rate of wage inflation continued. Families with children qualifying would be just half the number in 1979.

The question of eligibility was important as "major benchmark by which the health of the legal aid scheme was measured". It said something about government commitment to the provision of legal services.

Mother presents a born climber



Alison Hargreaves (right) cradling her 4-day-old son Thomas John Ballard on Black Rock, Derbyshire, just three months after becoming the first British woman to ascend the treacherous north wall of the Eiger (left).

Ms Hargreaves, aged 26, of Matlock, Derbyshire, defended the decision to climb the 4,600ft high Eigerwand, which has probably claimed more lives than any other alpine route, while six months pregnant. "The point about the Eiger is that it is not so far to walk and carry all the kit you need on a North face", she said.

A consultant told her to "avoid doing anything out of the usual" and "climbing mountains is certainly not out of the usual for me. The trouble is there is not much literature on pregnant women mountaineers", she said.

Her partner on the Eiger was Mr Steven Aisthorpe, an instructor at a Scottish climbing centre. The ascent took four days during which the couple were trapped by heavy snow.

When Alison telephoned the news to her husband, Mr Jim Ballard, he was "quite surprised".

On her return she saw a doctor, "although I didn't tell him I'd climbed the Eiger. If you're a climber, you're a climber and I don't agree that being pregnant is being ill — it's the most natural thing in the world. Why stop doing things because of it?"

WHITEHALL BRIEF
by David Walker

Internal auditors called to account

The past week, dominated by the Barlow Clowes affair, has highlighted the issue of accountability: of officials to ministers, of ministers to the public.

Mr John Gummer is not generally thought of as wise. Sharp, maybe, but not sage. The other day, however, Mr Gummer, in his new capacity of local government minister, produced a good aphorism which addresses the issue of accountability.

He said, in talking of the complexities of the system by which money is distributed from Whitehall to councils, that there should be no taxation without comprehension.

Accountability, he was implying, depended on the intelligibility of the formula for distributing money outwards from Whitehall; it needed to be accurate, but also simpler.

The new system to be introduced after April 1990, when the poll tax comes in, will be an improvement if it is clearer what ministers and officials are doing. Till now money has washed from counties to urban areas and back again behind a dark curtain which sometimes covered up overt manipulation by ministers.

Accountability also takes the form of checking the books. The Comptroller and Auditor General and his staff at the National Audit Office come into departments only irregularly; the sanctity of the accounts kept in Whitehall depends far more on 1,150 internal auditors in the Civil Service, but of those posts only 60 are filled by qualified accountants.

That may have to do with growing confusion about what it is Civil Service auditors should audit. There is a revealing article in the latest edition of *Public Finance and Accountancy* about an official who rarely breaks cover but whose job is crucial if accountability is to work.

He is Mr Keith Holt, the head of accountancy within the Department of Trade and Industry. He has some critical things to say about the way "the steam may be going out of the drive to develop internal audit".

But he directs his fire at one of the more mysterious branches of Whitehall: the thousand or so staff inspectors. Based in the Treasury, but with outposts in various departments, these are a group of people, most on fairly low grades, whose job it is to look at the number of Civil Servants engaged on a particular job and their seniority.

In other words, they are Whitehall's own efficiency policemen, whose efficiency is perhaps indicated by the fact that they were in operation long before the current drive for management initiatives and greater efficiency was thought necessary.

Mr Holt says, disturbingly, that they receive too limited training and "are not equipped to judge whether systems are efficient". Moreover they overlap with the internal auditors: he believes the Treasury has to decide whether the two separate groups are necessary.

The doctrine on accountability followed last week by Lord Young of Graffham was the straight party line as set out recently by Sir Robin Butler, head of the Home Civil Service and Cabinet Secretary.

He said: "We are under a special requirement to be able to explain our actions and decisions up the line to the minister so that the minister can account for them to Parliament.

"The Government have to be able to demonstrate the fairness, consistency and integrity of those actions and decisions."

Queen Anne armchair the star in New York

SALEROOM

By Jenny Gilbert

A single armchair was the star of Christie's fine English furniture sale in New York on Saturday.

The auctioneers, having established that a seemingly identical Queen Anne walnut armchair had sold at auction in 1982 for $14,300 (£8,125), had felt confident in setting a guide price of $40,000-$60,000, but how wrong they were.

After a battle among the many London dealers, the chair went to the New York trade for $209,000 (£118,750).

"This is probably the best piece around of its type", a Christie's specialist said.

Probably the same could have been said of all the top lots, picked up mostly by London dealers for prices vastly exceeding the estimates.

R.A. Lee, the Bond Street dealers, claimed several prize items including a George II library table for $150,000 (£85,227), estimated at $32,000-$38,000, and an elaborate japanned cabinet-on-stand (estimate $7,000-$10,000) for $52,800 (£30,000).

An exquisitely carved Georgian guiltwood mirror sold to the London dealer Melvyn Liptich for $56,000 (£31,818) following an estimate of $8,000-$12,000.

Christie's sales totalled $3,493,600 (£2million) with only 5 per cent unsold.

Sotheby's New York appealed more to the US market with imported American furniture, folk art and silver.

The day's top price of $594,000 (£337,500) set a new record for an item of classical American furniture — a carved and guilded marble-top pier table, circa 1815, in the grand French manner.

An American silver-gilt dinner service — its 36 place settings includes shrimp forks, asparagus tongs and a crumb scoop — made in the 1880s for Washington Roebling, builder of the Brooklyn Bridge, sold to an American for $253,000 (£143,750).

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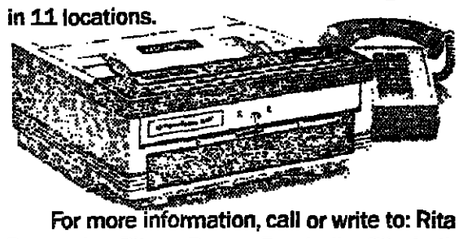
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Heysel riot trial

Ruling is key to whether fans speak up or walk out

By Paul Vallely, Brussels

Liverpool football supporters accused of killing 39 people in the Heysel stadium riot will either start giving evidence in Brussels today or walk out of their trial at the instigation of their defence counsel.

The defence lawyers have said that unless certain witnesses are called and cross-examination is allowed, they will advise their clients to withdraw confidence in the court.

Proceedings at the Belgian Palais de Justice so far have not been happy. From the first day, a series of complex legal submissions were put to the three judges. They were based partly on a strict interpretation of the local *Code d'Instruction Criminal*, and partly on what one lawyer termed — delivering the only English words used in the trial so far — "the need for justice not just to be done, but to be *seen to be done*".

The chief controversy in the Heysel case is that the defence wants to call witnesses whom the prosecution has indicated it will not call.

In English and American trials, the prosecution and defence each put forward their case, with the leading judge acting as arbiter. Belgium, however, derives its law from the *Code Napoleon*, and so has a system that is inquisitorial, with the judge leading debate in search of the truth.

That debate is based on a dossier of evidence compiled by an examining magistrate, forming the prosecution's case. When the matter comes to court, the public prosecutor may call witnesses to reinforce the case, but in legal terms, the dossier itself is considered adequate evidence.

Some witnesses who gave significant evidence to the Belgian parliamentary inquiry into the Heysel stadium riot are not included in the prosecution's 48,000-page dossier. The defence could call them in its own right, but the judge could refuse to hear them.

Either way, the defence, which has been denied legal aid, would have to pay legal costs which it cannot afford. So it has submitted that the judge must call them to ensure a trial which the world will see as fair.

The judge is to rule on the matter today. If he rejects the defence submission, the Liverpool fans will be advised by their counsel to walk out. The lawyers might also leave, allowing the trial to continue in their absence.

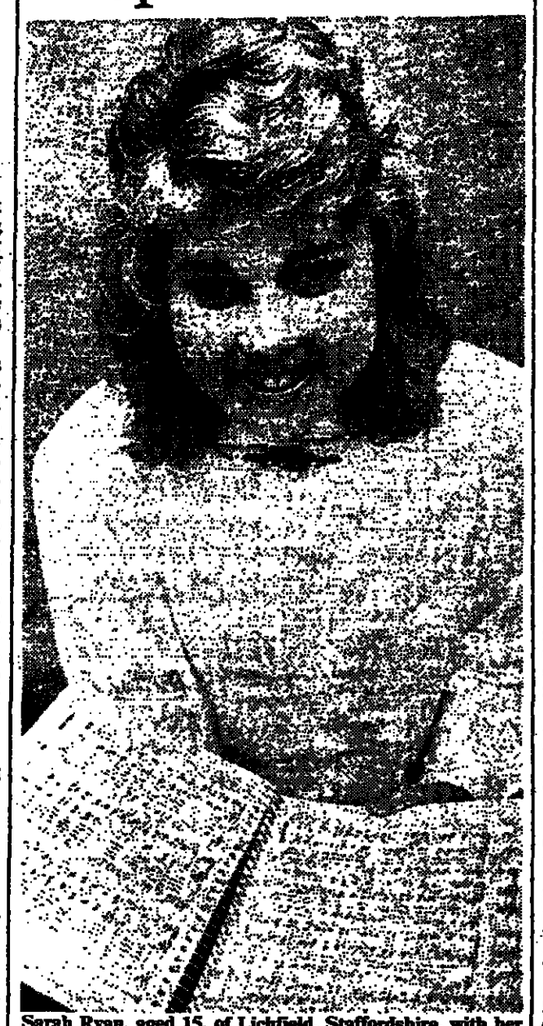
Rulings are also expected today on three other issues: where the prosecutor should sit; whether the extradition of the football supporters was legal; and whether a precedent can be established by allowing video film as evidence. Other complications are the lack of immediate translation facilities at the trial and the presence of 20 civil lawyers during proceedings.

The first task of the court is to establish criminal culpability for 39 deaths in the Heysel riot and injuries to 450 others. Civil lawyers have the right to take part in the criminal proceedings because the proportion of blame attached to football fans, football authorities, police, local council and stadium authorities will affect compensation claims.

It is because of those complications that Mr Pierre Verlynde, an expert civil lawyer, has been appointed president of the court. It also explains his uncertain handling of the submissions on criminal law last week.

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Top of the choir



Sarah Ryan, aged 15, of Lichfield, Staffordshire, with her hymn book yesterday after being selected as the 1988 BBC Choirgirl of the Year (Photograph: Mark Aspland).

Roads privatization

Two projects put on shelf

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

While Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, tries to persuade contractors to come forward with schemes for privately financed roads to augment the public programme, the two largest schemes so far proposed have been shelved.

Many construction companies are known to be looking at potential projects. Mr Neville Simms, chief executive of Tarmac Construction, said a team was looking at all aspects of private finance and at a number of projects, but it had not yet put them to the Department of Transport.

It is reported that one of Tarmac's schemes would involve the company buying 60 miles of the M40 now under construction between Oxford and Birmingham and running it as a toll road.

Sources in London said it was unlikely such a scheme would find favour.

Last week Tarmac announced that it had formed a consortium to bid to finance and build a second crossing of the River Severn just south of the existing bridge.

The Costain group has put forward three schemes, costing about £7 billion. One would involve a 16-mile tunnel on the bed of the River Thames running from Chiswick in the west to the Blackwall tunnel in the east, carrying a multi-lane highway.

Costain also proposed schemes for building a second tier above the M25 and for a fast rail link serving the Channel tunnel. Now Dr Ian Clarke, chairman of the Ventures division of Costain, says work had been postponed on the Thames tunnel and the M25 projects but work was continuing on the Channel tunnel link.

The shelved projects would have taken years to complete and Dr Clarke said the Department of Transport had shown it was looking for projects to be carried out in a shorter period.

For contractors and bankers to finance and construct substantial roads would be an innovation, but there are many examples of property developers contributing to the cost of building or re-aligning roads to serve their developments.

Those are normally small projects but the department is seeking ways of developing that form of co-operation.

Contractors feel that private schemes should be additional to the department's programme and not merely be transferred from the public to the private sector.

John Armitt, of John Laing Construction, said that compared with building a road under contract, there was an increased commercial risk if contractors were involved in financing the scheme. It would be necessary to speed up planning approval while retaining the right for local opinion to be taken into account.

Employers accused of blocking no-strike deals

By Roland Rudd
Employment Affairs Reporter

Employers and the Government have restricted the use of arbitration and no-strike deals, Mr Douglas Smith, chairman of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service, said yesterday.

Arbitration was "under-used and undervalued" by the Government and employers and its use had caused widespread controversy within the trade union movement because it often led to a no-strike agreement, he said.

Mr Smith, speaking in Liverpool at the conference of the electricians' white collar section, EESA, said that since the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, was expelled from the TUC for refusing to break two single union strike-free deals, the Government and many employers have attacked other trade unions for refusing to sign similar agreements.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, had said that unions which prosper will be those which "recognize that single union and no-strike agreements make sense". Yet the main obstacle to the extension of arbitration was the employers, Mr Smith said.

"The Government has made no secret of its misgiving about the use of arbitration. A number of nationalized industries have ended, with notice, the right to unilateral access to arbitration."

Motorway repairs

Tolls call to end city traffic jams

By Our Transport Correspondent

London boroughs have asked the Department of Transport to consider imposing tolls on some of the capital's roads to reduce congestion.

The proposal is one of several in a strategic planning document approved last week by the London Planning Advisory Council, on which all 33 boroughs are represented.

The council has asked the Department of Transport to study all conceivable methods of reducing traffic congestion in London. The most controversial proposal put forward involves charging drivers for using roads in the most heavily congested parts of the city.

Although the council does not say how such a system would work, one possibility being examined in The Netherlands involves fitting an electronic device to cars that is detected by sensors on tolled roads.

Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, has made it clear that he will consider road pricing only as a last resort.

Mr Jeremy Hawksley, of Movement for London, the pressure group that strongly opposes road pricing, said it would be better to increase the cost of parking as a means of discouraging drivers from entering central London.

Major roadworks from this weekend:

London and the South-east

M23 Sussex: Lighting repairs on the Gatwick link from 9am until 4pm.
M25 Surrey: Contraflow between jns 11 and 13 (Chertsey/Staines). Reduced to two lanes at jn 12 (M3).
M1 Hertfordshire: Various slip road closures at jn 8 (Hemel Hempstead). Only northbound exit slip remains open.
M25 Hertfordshire: Single line traffic anticlockwise (overnight only) between jns 18 and 17 (Chorleywood/Maple Cross).
M20 Kent: Lane restrictions between jns 11 and 12 (Hythe/Cheriton). Drainage work with lane closures on both carriageways between jns 9 and 13 (Ashford/Folkestone). The Channel tunnel project has caused restrictions between jns 11 and 12 (Hythe/Cheriton).
M40 Buckinghamshire: Occasional outside lane closures in both directions between jns 1 and 4 (A40/A404) for crash barrier repairs. Hard shoulder closed between jns 4 and 5 (A404/Thame) for survey work from 8am until 5pm. Contraflow between jns 6 and 7 (Watlington/Thame).
M25 Thames Valley: Survey work between jns 15 and 16 (M4/M40).

Midlands

M5 Hereford/Worcester: contraflow between jns 4 and 4A (Bromsgrove/M42). Large abnormal loads travelling on Sunday between jn 1 and jn 11 (Oldbury, West Midlands, to Wareham, Dorset).

North

M62 Grtr Manchester: Lane restrictions between jns 21 and 22 (Milnrow/Ripponden).
M63 Grtr Manchester: Two-lane narrow contraflow between jns 1 and 3 on Barton Bridge (due to finish October 27). Contraflow between jns 3 and 6 (Barton/A6144). Only one lane open in both directions. Long delays. Contraflow between jns 12 and 13 (A5145/A560). Also, eastbound entry slip closed at jn 12.
M6 Cheshire: Resurfacing work on western side of the interchange at jn 20 (Lymm) which will affect the M56 and A50.

Wales and the West

M4 W Glamorgan: Various restrictions between jns 40 to 48 (A4107/A4138)
M5 Somerset: Outside lane closures in both directions between jns 21 and 22 (Bristol/-Clevedon). Lane closures between jns 23 and 25 (A38/-Taunton).

Scotland

M74 Strathclyde: Various lane and carriageway closures between Gretna and jn 5 (near Bothwell).
M8 Lothian: Inside lane closed in both directions between jns 3 and 4 (Livingstone/Bathgate).
M9 Central Region: Lane closures between jn 9 (M80) and 10 (Craigforth).
M85 Tayside: Contraflow on the Friarton Bridge.

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Field sports fans enlist aid of conservationists

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

Field sports enthusiasts are trying to enlist the aid of conservationists to resist campaigns for the abolition or restriction of hunting and shooting.

The Masters of Foxhounds' Association (MFHA) last week organized an open day for farming and wildlife advisory groups (FWAGs) from all parts of southern England at the Abbotsbury estate in Dorset.

The Farming and Wildlife Trust, with its network of county groups, has been largely responsible for a significant change of attitudes among farmers towards conservation.

Membership has grown rapidly, and many farmers are making efforts to reinstate and create new wildlife habitats, including woodlands, hedges, copses and ponds.

Organizations such as the MFHA and the British Association for Shooting and Conservation claim that their interests go hand in hand. At Abbotsbury visitors were shown coverts managed for gamebirds, and gorses that provide cover for foxes.

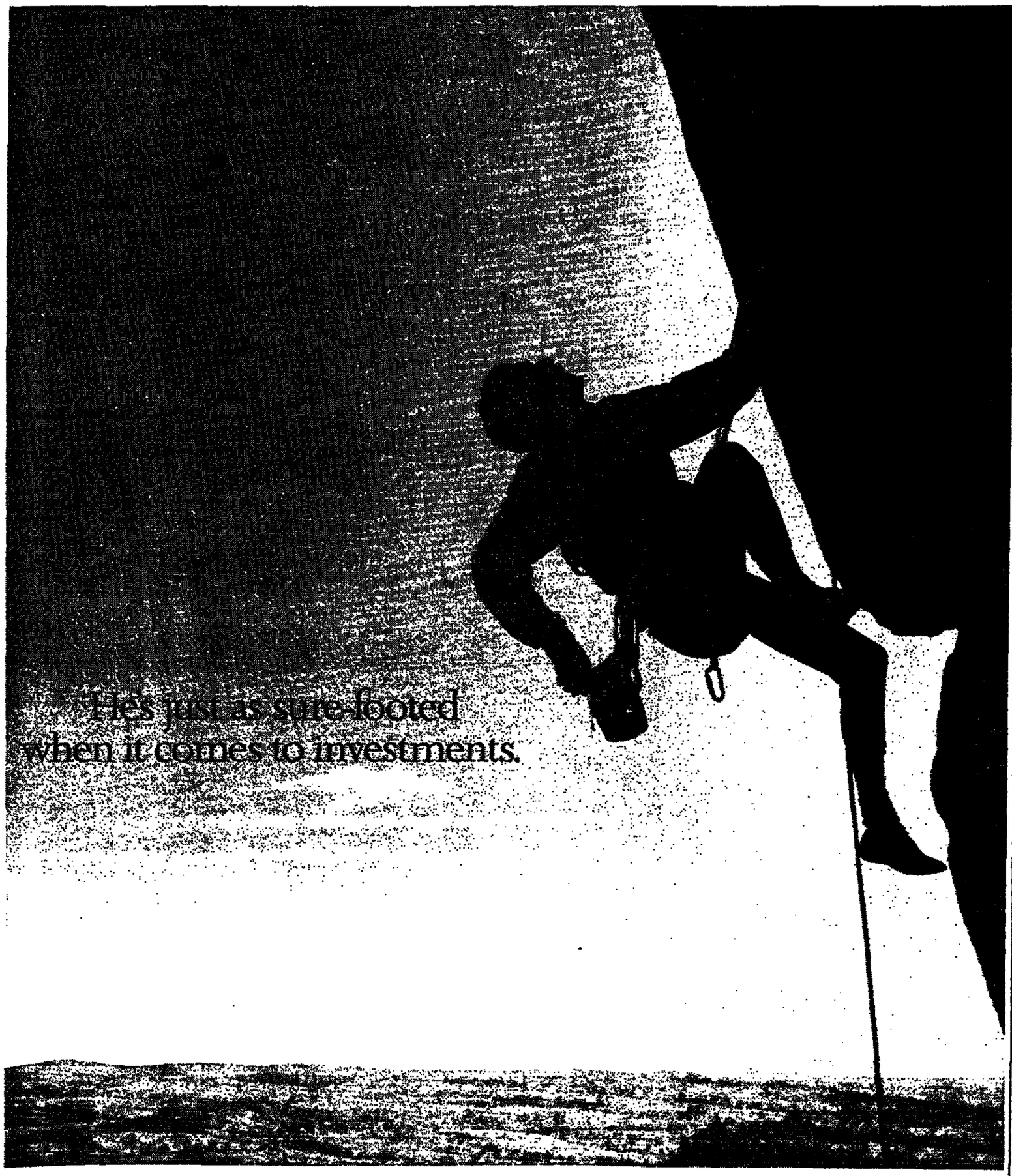
The key role played by the local hunt in the maintenance of hedges and walls on the estate was also emphasized.

An important test of the strength of the anti-field sports lobby will take place at the National Trust's annual meeting next Saturday when a resolution calling for a ban on hunting on trust land will be debated.

Both sides have accused the other of encouraging its supporters to join the trust to vote on the motion. Membership has risen by some 250,000 this year to 2.6 million.

However, even if the anti-field sports lobby is successful, the resolution is likely to be overruled by the trust's council.

It points out that much of its land was willed or covenanted on the condition that traditional country sports should be allowed to continue.



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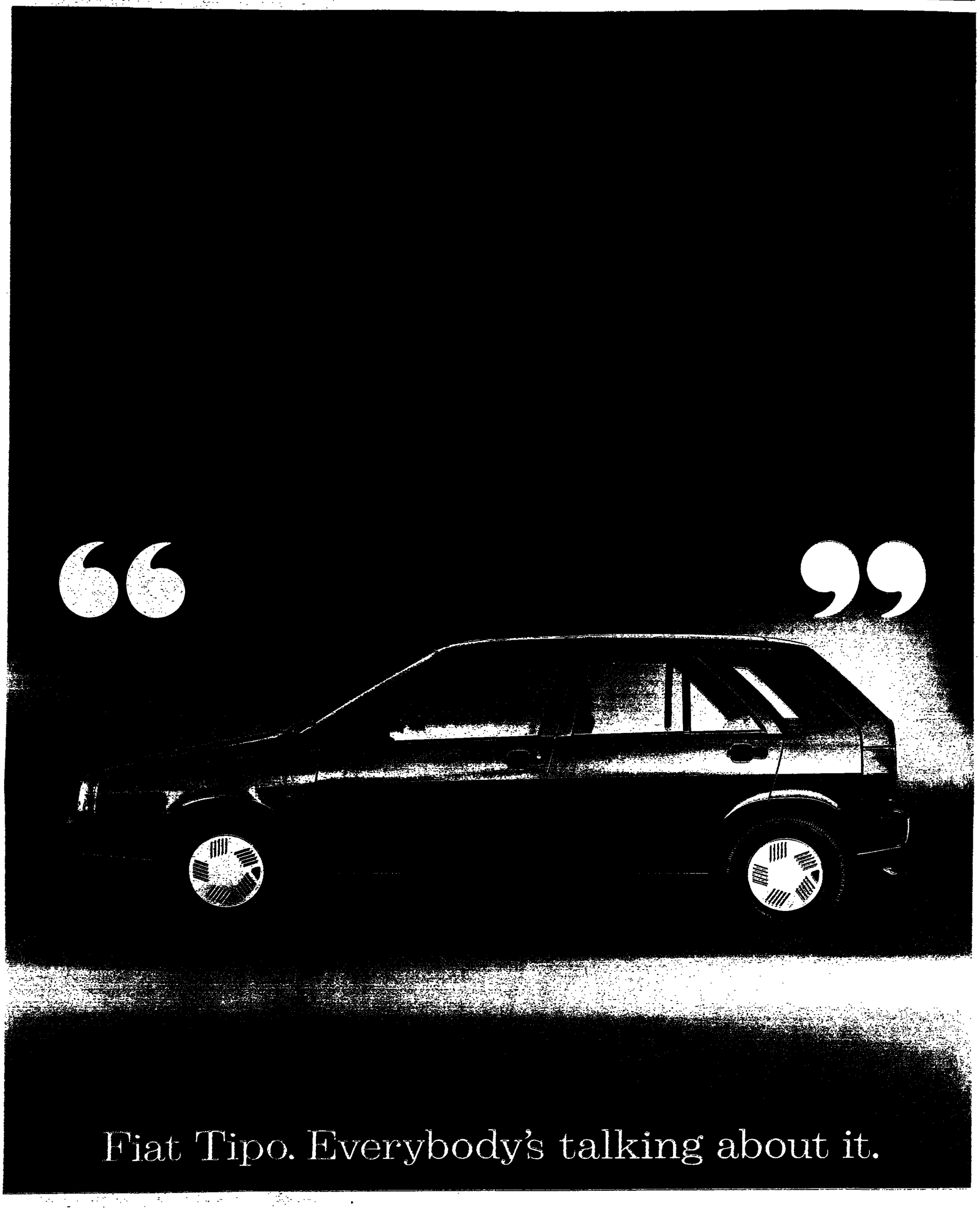
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EEC internal quarrels hamper Kohl as he heads for Moscow

A week after he spelled out his differences with Mrs Thatcher over 1992 and a united Europe in Brussels, Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West Germany today begins four days of talks in Moscow.

The Soviet-German summit highlights Europe's current foreign policy dilemma – should the West prop up *perestroika* – but also raises a more basic question: how can an EEC at odds over a united Europe present a united front to the rest of the world, and to Moscow in particular?

Greece, which holds the EEC presidency until the end of the year, will today urge EEC foreign ministers to address this when they meet in Luxembourg. Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister – now recovered from his operation in London – is preparing the agenda for the EEC summit in Rhodes in early December.

He wants the Rhodes summit to define Europe's role in the world in the run-up to 1992, including a coherent European policy toward the Soviet Union.

As it is, the Europeans are split, both over how to cope with Soviet pressure for the de-nuclearization of Europe, and over whether the West should help the Gorbachov reforms take root by bailing Moscow out. Italy and Germany favour offering Moscow large-scale credits, and loosening controls on high technology exports to the East.

Herr Kohl was preceded in Moscow by Signor Ciriaco De Mita, the Italian Prime Minister – who proposes a new Marshall Plan for Eastern Europe – and will be followed by President Mitterrand of France next month. West European visitors are greeted with the Gorbachov line (not new, but seductively re-packaged) that Western Europe and Russia share "a common European home".

On both fronts – European union, and dealing with Mr Gorbachov – Britain is increasingly out of step with its EEC partners. Mrs Thatcher told Signor De Mita on Friday that 1992 meant freer trade across frontiers, not political union, and that she "neither wants nor expects" to see a European bank or a single European currency in her lifetime. The storm aroused by the Bruges speech, in other words, has left her unmoved.

Mrs Thatcher's pragmatism has often worked to the EEC's benefit. But senior EEC officials say that on 1992 Mrs Thatcher is in danger of resisting a tide which will surge forward anyway.

Brussels View
By Richard Owen

Herr Kohl, despite being ideologically aligned with Mrs Thatcher, declared flatly in Brussels that EEC borders will go in 1992; that fiscal harmonization is indispensable; that a European police force is the long-term answer to crime and terrorism; that by pooling sovereignty EEC states will gain strength; and that – in alliance with the United States – Europe must have a common defence policy, leading to a European army. None of this is acceptable to Mrs Thatcher.

Neither is the view of senior West Germans, notably Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, that the Soviet Union – already anxious about the external trade implications of 1992 – can be enmeshed in economic links with the West which will encourage Soviet political reform and enable the West to put pressure on the Warsaw Pact over conventional arms reductions and human rights.

Mrs Thatcher, for all her rapport with Mr Gorbachov, is deeply sceptical. Why, British officials say, should the West prop up communism as it is falling apart? Bonn, for reasons of geography and history, has special ties with the East, and wants the Berlin problem eased, together with East-West German border restrictions. The Russians, for their part, seem to have forgiven Herr Kohl for his unfortunate comparison of Mr Gorbachov and Goebbels two years ago.

Mrs Thatcher sees a danger that the Soviet Union could take advantage of increased trade to pacify Soviet consumers, without overhauling its chronically inefficient economy. Meanwhile, Moscow continues its military build-up, and Mr Gorbachov is not in the Kremlin forever.

Mrs Thatcher, moreover, wants Nato to modernize short-range nuclear weapons left in Europe after the INF treaty, to ensure Europe's defences are adequate. Bonn – with backing from France and Belgium – sees no "immediate" need for modernization. Herr Kohl knows that although his politically-courageous deployment of medium-range missiles helped force Moscow to make missile concessions to Nato, the German public mood is against new deployments, because it perceives a reduced Soviet threat under Mr Gorbachov.

In the long run, it may take another Nato summit to resolve these differences. In the short term, the leaders of the Twelve will have to grapple with what amounts to a redefinition of Europe and its place in the world. What seems clear is that Europe cannot hope to forge a united foreign and defence policy without first settling its internal quarrels over economic and political integration.

Mass celebrated again in Vilnius cathedral used as art gallery for 38 years

Lithuanian national movement tests the Kremlin's tolerance

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A week which has seen open calls for political autonomy in the tiny Soviet republic of Lithuania culminated yesterday in an important extension of religious freedom.

The first Mass for 38 years was celebrated in the Catholic cathedral of Vilnius, the capital, prompting scenes of rejoicing outside. About 5,000 people packed the square in front of the cathedral, many waving Lithuanian national flags, which were banned until recently.

On Saturday night a rally of up to half a million people filled the streets of Vilnius's old town in support of the return of full religious rights.

The Lithuanian Government handed the cathedral back to the Church after using it since 1950 as an art gallery. The move was announced on Saturday at the founding congress of Sajudis, the Lithuanian Movement for Perestroika, an organization comparable to a political party.

Although the congress will serve as a focus for the nationalism sweeping Lithuania, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet President, has welcomed it. He made it clear that he hopes it will help to advance his restructuring policy.

Moscow's tactic appears to be to let the congress serve as a safety valve, hoping that demands for a restoration of Lithuania's independence can be defused through concessions on religious freedom and limited autonomy.

Similar steps were taken two weeks ago in the neighbouring republic of Latvia. The founding congress of a mass movement called the Popular Front coincided with the return of Riga's Protestant cathedral to the church.

Estonia, too, has seen the founding of such a movement. In all three Baltic republics there is pressure for greater democracy and autonomy in cultural and economic fields. National flags are tolerated and recognition of local languages is likely to follow.

Another general demand has been a reduction or freeze on immigration of Russian settlers. One report said that 20,000 Latvians demonstrated on Saturday, demanding immediate immigration curbs.

But Lithuania, which was absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1939, comes closer than Latvia or Estonia to seeking full autonomy. Observers believe that given a chance it would go further, and opt for independence.

Popular pressure brought about the replacement last week of the Communist Party leader, Mr Ringaudas-Bronislovas Songayla, by a reformer who has promised multi-candidate parliamentary elections, Mr Algirdas Brazauskas.

In a speech, Mr Brazauskas, aged 56, welcomed the movement's suggestions for solving the republic's "devastation" and "tragedies" and promised to fulfil "the wishes of the people." He promised that a nationalist monument in Vilnius that was destroyed under Stalin would be rebuilt. Stalin's victims would be rehabilitated, and they or their survivors compensated.

He added that all the black spots in Lithuania's history would be erased. But in a subsequent speech he made it clear that demands for secession from the Soviet Union would not be accepted.

"Some of the speeches I have heard here have saddened me, or rather moved me," he said. "Let us listen to (Lithuanian) Cardinal Vincentas Sladkevicius, who said 'Let us learn to wait'." He was replying to speeches demanding an end to what some delegates called the "occupation" of Lithuania.

A draft Soviet constitution published yesterday provides for multiple candidates in elections to a revised 2,250-member parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies. But it said: "The programme of the candidate must not contradict the Constitution or Soviet law." Political alternatives to the Communist Party, such as the Democratic Union, are not mentioned among the organizations to nominate candidates for the Congress.

At present, some legislators represent areas of equal population while others are selected by nationality. The new Constitution retains these categories and adds a third, made up of deputies representing established national organizations. Of these, 100 will be nominated by the Communist Party, another 100 will come from trade unions, and 100 from co-operatives.



Demonstrators with signs demanding more freedom for Lithuania parading at the Vilnius stadium where the Movement for Perestroika held its congress.

BUDAPEST: Hundreds of people defied a police ban to take to the streets here yesterday for the anniversary of the start of the 1956 uprising. (A Correspondent writes).

Pursued by several hundred policemen in vans and on motorcycles, the demonstrators played a game of cat and mouse around the East side of the city, making impromptu speeches, chanting "democracy", and laying flowers at the statues of Hungarian poets before being scattered by police.

Each time they were dispersed, the demonstrators took advantage of the inner city maze of streets and alleys to reassemble minutes later. They called for the rehabilitation of Mr Imre Nagy, executed in 1958, who as Prime Minister said Hungary was leaving the Warsaw Pact.

Catholic challenge to Kremlin

Serious persecution of Catholics in the Soviet Union continues in spite of talk about liberalization of official attitudes to religion. Catholics still face arrest for taking part in religious activity, confiscation of bibles, and other forms of official harassment. The Soviet authorities view Catholics with particular disfavour, because of their allegiance to the Vatican, and have refused to legalize the Ukrainian Catholic (or Uniate) Church.

THE SOVIET OPPOSITION

Kiev, May 13: The underground Ukrainian Catholic Church issued an appeal bearing thousands of signatures to the Pope, Cardinal Lubachivsky and Patriarch Pimen, calling for the legalization of their Church. It also called for the Pope to be invited to celebrate the millennium of Christianity in Russia with Ukrainians in Kiev, and says refusal to legalize the Church contradicts the process of *perestroika* and *glasnost*.

Lvov, June 23: Three thousand people attended a requiem service to honour the victims of Stalinism and those still incarcerated in the Gulag. It was organized by the Committee for the Defence of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Klaipeda, Lithuania, July: The Queen of Peace Church has not been returned to the believers of Klaipeda despite a statement by the Council for Religious Affairs that it would resume religious use in July, 1988. Over the past 15 years a number of petitions, with up to 148,000 signatures, have been sent to the authorities calling for its return. The Council has now said that it will not be reopened as a church until January, 1989.

Grunsheva, Lvov Region, July 10: Several thousand believers of the Uniate denomination held celebrations of the millennium despite opposition from the authorities. During the celebrations, officials of the Department of Internal Affairs provoked a fight. One of the main events was the raising of a cardboard cross and its blessing by Greek Catholic priests. However, the next day people in civilian clothes removed the cross.

Tomsk region, August: Sigitas Pankiavicius, a Lithuanian Catholic priest who was sent into exile on June 12, underwent an operation. Doctors gave him a certificate saying that he was unable to do heavy work. He was taken to the regional centre where he was employed in a sports goods factory. Father Pankiavicius ran a parish near Kanus. He was arrested on May 6, 1983, and accused of delivering sermons and reading documents by the Catholic Committee for the Defence of Believers' Rights. On December 2, 1983, he was sentenced to six years' strict regime camp and five years' exile.

Ivan Franko Region, August 11: A Ukrainian Catholic priest, Father Mikhail Gavrilis, was taken off a train between Kiev and Ivan Franko, accused of petty hooliganism and sentenced to 15 days' administrative arrest. His house in the village of Petranka was searched and a vestment, chalice and prayer books were taken.

Lvov, September 8: A delegation of Catholics from the German federal republic visited Lvov. The Bishop of Augsburg met Archbishop Vladimir Sternyuk of the unofficial Ukrainian Catholic Church. The West Geman Catholics gave the archbishop a gift of 100 bibles.

The West German delegation also met Bishop Vasilik of the unofficial Ukrainian Catholic Church. They gave Bishop Vasilik 100 copies of the Bible for his diocese. When Bishop Vasilik was returning home from Lvov, his car was stopped and searched for the bibles. But the search was unsuccessful.

Vilnius, September 8: Bishop Steponavicius, apostolic administrator of Vilnius and senior bishop of Lithuania, who has been confined to a small village by the Soviet authorities since 1961, was given permission to visit the Vatican in October, 1988.

Bishop Steponavicius was exiled from his diocese of Vilnius in 1961 because he refused to forbid the religious instruction of children by the clergy and to ordain seminarians favoured by the state. He is rumoured to have been made a secret cardinal by the Pope in 1979.

Vilnius, September 16-18: Catholic priests held special services at a protest near the Ignalina atomic plant. People formed a human chain around the plant, setting up tents and camping for three days. On September 17 cars blew their horns and church bells were rung throughout Lithuania.

Moscow, September 30 to October 2: At a seminar organized by the unofficial Christian Community, N Sadunaite delivered a speech on the historial mission of the Lithuanian Catholic Church. The seminar decided to send a special address to the children of the Polish Catholic Church and adopted a resolution assessing religion and the Church in the Soviet Union.

Romania sticks to village clearances

By Andrew McEwen

After two weeks of uncertainty, Western diplomats have concluded that Romania still intends to move millions of people out of their villages and into concrete settlements.

At one stage its intentions appeared to be wavering in the face of a storm of objections to the policy it calls "systematization". Some newspapers went so far as to report that Bucharest had backed down.

But it now appears that what has changed is not the policy but its presentation. Romanian and Soviet diplomats have sought to make it sound more acceptable, but while some rough edges may have been smoothed, President Ceausescu's main aims look unchanged.

"We have had the Russians trying to persuade us that there has been a shift in policy, and recent visitors to Bucharest have heard the same story," a Western diplomat in Vienna said.

"But the evidence of a policy change is just not there. Diplomats have been out into the field (in Romania) and have seen weeping women watching their homes being bulldozed."

Soviet diplomats in Vienna had told Western colleagues that Romania had made "corrections" to the programme, implying that the original plan to demolish half the villages would be replaced with a voluntary scheme.

In Romania, the programme's co-ordinator reportedly said that up to 8,000 villages would be affected, but would not be physically destroyed. Instead they would be allowed to decline. Nobody would be forced to move.

Another version given to Western diplomats was that instead of bulldozing the villages, Bucharest would divert all available building materials to the new "agro-industrial complexes" into which it wishes the rural population to move. The effect would be to prevent villagers from repairing or improving their homes, so making the move more attractive.

The plan has also aroused strong protests in Hungary because of fears that two million Romanians of Hungarian descent living in Transylvania would be affected. And West Germany has been concerned for the future of 300,000 people of Saxon or German origin.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Fire injures 10 at 'Last Temptation'

Paris – Ten people were injured, one of them seriously, when one of the last two cinemas in Paris still showing Martin Scorsese's controversial film *The Last Temptation of Christ*, was severely damaged by fire early yesterday (Philip Jacobson writes). Six of those injured were firemen, overcome by fumes as they tried to rescue the 18 people attending the midnight performance at the Saint-Michel cinema in the Latin Quarter. The fire started under a seat in the auditorium below the one showing the film.

Alaska whale hopes

Washington – Rescuers in Alaska were hopeful yesterday that two remaining trapped whales would follow air-holes smashed through the ice into open water and safety (Michael Binyon writes). The youngest whale was presumed drowned after failing to surface on Friday. Attempts have been abandoned to use a giant hovercraft ice-breaker, after delays and technical problems. Instead a helicopter has been dropping a 10,000 lb concrete weight on the ice to puncture a series of holes to the open sea. Reports say the whales appear calmer and are surfacing more regularly for air.

Soviet shuttle readies

Moscow (AFP) – Preparations for the first launch of a Soviet space shuttle, which for safety reasons will be unmanned, are nearly complete, Tass reported yesterday. Scientists at the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan are making final checks on equipment and on the Energia rocket which will lift it into orbit, the agency added.

The launch of the shuttle, similar to the US space vehicle, is to take place before the end of the year, Soviet space officials have said, and observers believe that the timing of the Tass report indicates that it is imminent.

Papandreou returns

Athens – Mr Andreas Papandreou, aged 69, the Greek Prime Minister, frail after a heart operation, put his popularity to the test on Saturday when he returned from London with his constant companion, Mrs Dimitra Liani, aged 34, an airline stewardess (Mario Modiano writes).

Tens of thousands of supporters mobbed his aircraft, surging forward as he shuffled down the stairway. They chanted: "We are with you Andreas to build a new Greece." Halfway down, the Prime Minister beckoned Mrs Liani to follow him, which she did, remaining two steps behind.

Queen's island cruise

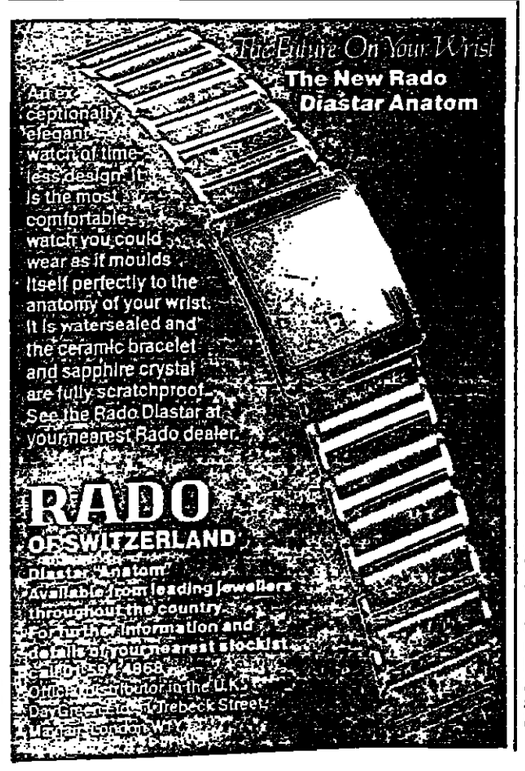
Madrid – The Queen's historic stay in Spain will end this morning when she boards a plane at Palma de Mallorca after taking an island cruise yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh boarded King Juan Carlos's sleek modern yacht, the Fortuna, for a cruise to Cabrera, a rocky island about 12 miles south of Mallorca. Cabrera is to be turned into a wildlife sanctuary after decades as part of a naval gunnery range. The Spanish King and Queen Sophia, the Queen's hosts on the island of Mallorca, accompanied them on the excursion.

It's cobber Garnett



Warren Mitchell, left, the actor who portrayed Britain's number one bigot Alf Garnett, is to become an Australian. After being a regular visitor here for 20 years, he has applied for Australian citizenship (Christopher Morris writes from Sydney). However, he will retain his British passport. "I feel half Australian and I want to be able to call myself Australian," he said.



Hurricane Joan hits Central America

Nicaragua in urgent plea for aid

By Our Foreign Staff

At least 80 people died and hundreds were injured as Hurricane Joan ripped across the isthmus between North and South America yesterday.

Hundreds of thousands were made homeless, and the final death toll in Nicaragua, Panama, Costa Rica and Colombia could rise to much more than 100.

In Panama, five people died and 800 were left homeless when rains associated with Joan caused at least 11 rivers to overflow their banks.

In Colombia, at least 20 people died and 12 fishermen were missing, officials said. The preliminary death toll in Costa Rica was put at 12.

In Nicaragua, President Ortega toured the ravaged suburbs of Managua. He said at least 50 Nicaraguans had died, 300,000 were homeless, and an unknown number were injured and missing.

He said the hurricane was the most destructive natural disaster in the nation's history. Nicaragua is still under a state of emergency after the hurricane ripped through the country from coast to coast, flattening towns and villages in its path.

Hurricane Joan, the fifth to sweep through the Caribbean basin this season, struck the Nicaraguan port of Bluefields on the Atlantic coast, just before dawn on Saturday.

Señor Henningston Omeir, mayor of Bluefields, who was in London when Hurricane Joan hit, appealed yesterday for help from the British public.

His wife, son and parents are in Bluefields, which has a population of 60,000. He described reports of the town's destruction as "really devastating – very sad news". Most of the 5,500 homes were wooden houses built on stilts.

"Near the waterside they were right in front of the bay. I cannot foresee any home in Bluefields standing a situation such as this," he said.

Señor Francisco d'Escoto, the Nicaraguan Ambassador to Britain, said donations should be sent to Oxfam and marked for the Bluefields Appeal.

Mr Michael Daly, the British Ambassador to Nicaragua, has given an immediate cash donation of £10,000 to a relief organization in Nicaragua.

The Foreign Office said that Mr Daly, who is based in Costa Rica although also accredited to Nicaragua, had authority to spend the money himself. It is not yet clear whether the Government will consider more substantial aid.

Communications with many affected areas remained cut and reports of casualties and damage were incomplete.

The official Voice of Nicaragua radio network said at least 20 people had been killed and an untold number had been injured. Reports said earlier that 140 people were missing after being swept away by floodwaters.

From Bluefields, Joan surged toward the capital, 200 miles west, gathering speed but gradually losing strength.

Most big towns in eastern Nicaragua were hit badly.

By the time Joan reached Managua, late on Saturday night, it had been downgraded to a tropical storm.

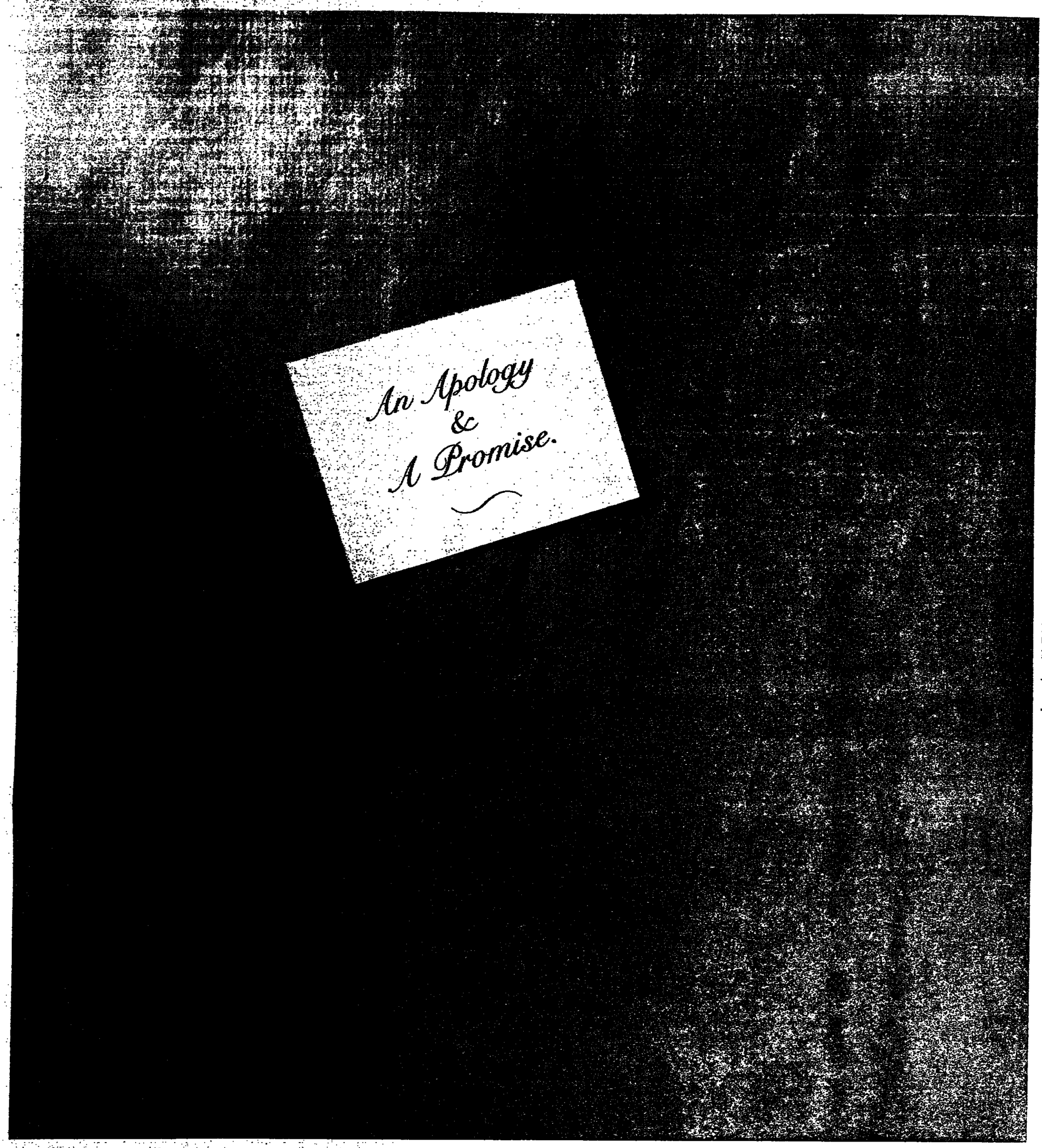
However, fearing that torrential rains would cause flooding, the authorities ordered the evacuation of tens of thousands of Managuans from slum shanties bordering open storm sewers.

By yesterday Joan had entered the Pacific and was heading north towards the Gulf of Fonseca, whose waters are shared by El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.



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Dukakis takes off the gloves

From Charles Bremner
Los Angeles

Finally exuding the energy that escaped him for so long, Mr Michael Dukakis embarked on a new California campaign yesterday, casting himself as the underdog in a class war and a victim of lies and deceit by his Republican opponent.

As a poll yesterday by *Newsweek* showed Mr George Bush holding his national lead at 50 to 41 points, the Massachusetts governor was appearing on television screens across America denouncing the "campaign of fear and smear" that he says the Vice-President is using against him.

"In their TV ads, the Republicans accuse me of being soft on crime. That's a lie."

In a five-minute television address on Saturday night, the first such direct appeal by either candidate, Mr Dukakis said: "A year and a half ago I entered this campaign as an underdog. Tonight I enter the final days of that long journey still an underdog and some of you don't know much more about me than a set of labels."

US ELECTION



Governor Michael Dukakis and former President Jimmy Carter, waving to Democratic supporters at a rally in Georgia.

For weeks, senior Democrats — and even Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the governor's running mate — have been urging him to take off the gloves and hit back at Mr Bush's highly successful campaign painting him as a friend of criminals and a liberal demon.

In his advertisements and public appearances, Mr Dukakis is now pointing out that the notorious Massachusetts prisoner "furlough" programme that Mr Bush has used to tar the governor was started by a Republican, and is no different to others supported by the Reagan Administration. But few were optimistic yesterday that Mr Dukakis could undo the damage or, more importantly, cut through the confusion of his earlier efforts and explain just what he stands for.

"We haven't given people enough of a reason to be for our guy, while Bush has given them lots of reasons not to be for our guy," said Mr Jim Ruvolo, the Democratic Party chairman in Ohio, one of the big "undecided" states that Mr Dukakis must win to have any chance of victory.

In remarks that showed just how little the Democrats have left to lose, Senator Bentsen put it bluntly at a rally attended by Mr Dukakis in Texas on Saturday. "Governor, what they are saying about you we don't even say here in Texas about a swarm of rattlesnakes at a campfire girls' picnic." The anti-Dukakis campaign has worked more effectively in Texas than elsewhere, despite the local senator's place on the ticket.

Speaking on television yesterday, Mr Bentsen acknowledged the Governor's failure to inspire the electorate early in the campaign, but added: "I think he's coming across better now."

The mood in the Democratic camp has swung back to something akin to hope from the dejection of a week ago, when the fall-out from the governor's performance in the last debate appeared to seal his fate as the loser.

The main reason has been the vigour that infused Mr Dukakis last week as he campaigned through the Midwest, talking off the cuff in front of real and enthusiastic crowds rather than staged cameos for television.

In California — the most crucial state for the governor — and elsewhere, Mr Dukakis is laying down a "them against us" theme, a hard-core populist message that he had shunned until last week. Mr David D'Alessandro, his advertising co-ordinator, described it yesterday as class warfare. "The real question is, will we have a President who fights for the privileged few, or will we have a President who fights for you?", he asks in his new stump speech.

It is, however, a message that is falling on many deaf ears, according to the opinion polls, which show that outside slump areas, such as the Midwest farmland, voters are quite happy with the economic record of the Reagan Administration.

Nowhere is this more so than in the prosperous suburbs of Orange County and San Diego, where Mr Dukakis is to campaign today.

Senior advisers said the governor would also spend the last two weeks raising the spectre of a Quayle presidency, an issue that is hitting home with undecided voters.

The Bush campaign, on its side, is fighting hard to avoid the "underdog factor," the danger that voters will swing to help the "feisty little underdog", as Mr Dukakis is now depicting himself.

With little admiration for either candidate, the experts are predicting one of the lowest turnouts for decades.

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Search for Middle East peace

Arab leaders forge link to sway Israeli voters

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

In an unprecedented bid to pressure Israeli voters in the run-up to the Israeli polls on November 1, moderate Arab leaders and Mr Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, staged two mini-summit meetings at the weekend.

Both the sessions — first with King Husain of Jordan, and later President Saddam Hussein of Iraq — involved Mr Arafat and President Mubarak of Egypt, who has emerged as a key figure in efforts to launch a unified Arab initiative to improve the chances of calling an international Middle East peace conference next year.

Although the aim of influencing Israeli voters to back Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, may backfire, Western diplomats said yesterday that the talks were meant to help Arab unity.

After Saturday's meeting in Aqaba between the Jordanian monarch, President Mubarak and Mr Arafat, the Egyptian leader's chief adviser, Dr Osama el-Baz, described the talks (the full content of which has not yet been revealed) as "one of the most significant events that has taken place in the Arab world in years".

The purpose of the talks was to reforge links between Jordan and the PLO, which have been severely strained since King Husain's decision on July 31 to sever all contacts with the occupied West Bank. Arab sources said that, as a result, the Palestinians and Jordanians were willing to co-operate at any proposed international gathering.

"We want the Israeli voter, whether Arab or Jew, to understand where his specific interest lies," Dr el-Baz said. "Let him know, when he casts his vote, that there is an Arab partner ready for negotiations. The voter faces the issue of war and peace. If he wants peace, the Arab side is ready."

Jordanian sources said that the discussions would be followed by a statement from the Tunis headquarters of the PLO containing an appeal to all Israeli Arab voters.

A Jordanian spokesman was emphatic that previous differences between King Hussain and Mr Arafat had been put aside.

Commenting on the talks, the semi-official *Egyptian Gazette* said: "Today we can rightly declare that the Arab side, though regrettably missing Syria and Lebanon for obvious reasons, is serious enough to act as an active partner to the peace process, and that Israeli voters should reciprocate by casting votes in favour of those who may be ready to serve the cause of peace and justice."

Yesterday's visit by Mr Mubarak and Mr Arafat to Baghdad was seen as an indication that a solid Arab axis was forming behind the PLO's decision to declare the existence of a Palestinian state willing to live alongside Israel. This announcement is expected at a meeting of the Palestine National Council which will open in Algiers on November 12.

"The significance is that Israel will now find it harder to drive wedges between some of the Arab states and between countries like Jordan and the PLO," one diplomat said. "For once, they appear to be getting their act together at a vital time."

The visit was the first made by Mr Arafat to Jordan since King Husain's July 31 announcement on the West Bank, which PLO officials complained had been made without their input.

Dr El-Baz said the Aqaba talks resulted in "some agreement" on the idea of a confederation between Jordan and a Palestinian state.

He added that both Jordan and Egypt had blessed the PLO's moves towards declaring an independent state which will be taken under United Nations Resolution 181. This resolution, which was passed in 1947, partitioned British-held Palestine into separate territories for the Jews and the Arabs.

President Mubarak is expected to win European backing for the new Arab initiative when President Mitterrand begins an official visit to Egypt tomorrow.

● WASHINGTON: The Secretary of Defence, Mr Frank Carlucci, has strongly criticized the pro-Israeli lobby and congressional factions for blocking the sale of United States arms to Arab countries (Michael Binyon writes).

Mr Carlucci said that this cost the US tens of billions of dollars worth of jobs and diminished US influence in the Middle East.

"The notions that US defence co-operation with moderate Arab states poses a danger to Israel is ill-founded and untrue," he said.

"Israel must regard non-American arms in the hands of its neighbours as a higher risk. The result would be increased foreign troops and advisers on Jordanian and Saudi installations, providing training and assistance where American servicemen had been stationed."

Likud delivers attack on Peres in wake of summit

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The summit between King Husain of Jordan, President Mubarak of Egypt and Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) chairman, has infuriated the Likud.

Following the King's television interview last week in which he backed a Labour victory in next month's Israeli elections, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister and Likud leader, is now seeking to blacken the image of Mr Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, accusing him of lack of patriotism in bringing Arabs into the campaign.

Mr Shamir and his spokesmen have emphasized the way in which Mr Peres worked behind the scenes to persuade the King to appear on television. This was both unprecedented and undignified, Mr Shamir said, and it was liable to damage Israel. "This has been Peres's way all down the years," he said.

Mr Peres, trying to remain aloof, said that the interview and the summit both proved him right in saying that there was a Jordanian option and a new chance for the peace process, if Labour wins the election.

However, Mr Yossi Ben-Ahoron, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, said that President Mubarak's attempts to mediate with the PLO were "not worthy of a country which has signed a peace treaty with Israel". Bringing a PLO-controlled state in the occupied territories into a confederation with Jordan would not work because the PLO would insist on running its own army and police force.

In contrast, officials in the Foreign Ministry which is run by Mr Peres found the meeting in Aqaba "encouraging", and they praised President Mubarak for the role he was playing in trying to move the peace process along.

The bad blood between the two leaders was evident when they took part in a face-to-face television debate broadcast last night. Both men were stiff and formal, although their supporters watching on a giant screen outside cheered the answers. Both sides afterwards declared that they had won.

Jerusalem (Reuter) — Palestinians in the occupied West Bank have accused Israel of running an undercover death squad, codenamed "Cherry", against suspected organizers of the 10-month uprising against Israeli rule. A military spokesman has denied that the Army had assassinated wanted men.

Mr Peres said Mr Shamir "has always been stubborn". They had debated all the issues for the past four years. They both had children, grandchildren and plenty of experience, but the question was how they used it.

Mr Shamir repeated that the Palestinians in the territories should be offered autonomy followed by negotiations for a settlement without any international conference of the kind wanted by King Husain and backed by Mr Peres.

Once Likud was elected, he said, the Jordanians would see there was no hope for such a conference and they would agree to direct talks.

The Arab moves come just as an opinion poll published yesterday by the *Jerusalem Post* showed for the first time that the Labour Party could be edging slightly in front of Likud.

The poll, taken before news of the King's intervention, shows that voters who were undecided two months ago are now choosing Labour in greater numbers.

● Patrol ambushed: Six gunmen were killed when they tried to ambush an Israeli patrol in south Lebanon yesterday morning. Military sources said the patrol rushed their attackers, killing four of them. Two others were killed when helicopter gunships joined in. It was the third attack on a patrol in the area since last Wednesday's suicide car bomb.

An eighth Israeli soldier died on Saturday from wounds he received in the car bombing, while one of the wounded still remains in a critical condition.

Men of the Israeli-backed "South Lebanon Army" (SLA) have been conducting a widespread search along the border to try to track down those who helped the suicide driver. They say they have now identified the bomber as Abdallah Atwah, a Shia from a village inside the zone.

The SLA has arrested two men it claims helped in the attack and is reported to have also detained up to 50 other people.

Seized suitcase yields secret photographs of hostages

Milan (AP) — Police said yesterday that a Lebanese woman arrested in Milan planned to deliver secret photographs of American hostages to a mysterious Italian who has been linked to arms scandals and the Italian secret service.

The man, Signor Aldo Anghessa, was questioned by police after they found on Thursday the pictures and a letter from a hostage hidden in the false bottom of the woman's suitcase, which she told them he was to receive. The authorities said he was later released because he had "committed no crime".

The Italian media speculated that Signor Anghessa may have been acting as a go-between in attempts to free the American hostages, but police refused to comment on this.

They were yesterday still checking if the photographs of Mr Terry Anderson, a news agency correspondent, Mr Alann Steen, acting dean of agriculture at the American University of Beirut, and another man, not positively identified, were originals, said



Mrs Rizkallah: Arrested on arrival at Milan airport.

Signor Fortunato Finoli, the deputy director of the Milan police anti-terrorist unit.

The identification of Signor Anghessa added a new twist to the mysterious case, which police first described on Saturday. The arms trader was at the centre of an international arms-trafficking scandal last year and has worked as an informer for the Swiss and Italian secret services, according to reports by officials in both countries.

Signor Anghessa, aged 44, who has dual Swiss-Italian nationality, was arrested a year ago after the seizure of a Lebanese cargo ship off Bari, in southern Italy. Police said the ship was carrying drugs and weapons for use by the Mafia and Middle East terrorists linked to Abu Nidal, the Palestinian extremist.

He was charged with organizing groups for illegal export of weapons, international drug trafficking and organizing an armed band for terrorist ends. The charges were later dropped.

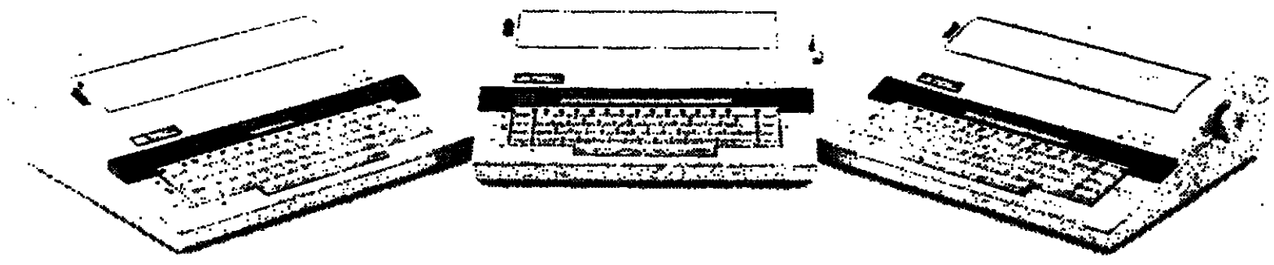
The Rome daily, *La Repubblica*, said yesterday that Signor Anghessa had ties to the US Drug Enforcement Agency. The US Embassy refused to comment.

The Lebanese woman, identified as Mrs Aline Ibrahim Rizkallah, aged 36, was arrested and charged with carrying $1,000 in counterfeit US currency, and 50 grammes of heroin, police said.

She said she was a courier and knew nothing about the photographs, the letter, believed to be from Mr Steen, or other documents, police said. The heroin was to be delivered to a man called Carl.

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The Philippines after Marcos

Charges of family corruption tarnish Aquino's new deal

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

Amid the euphoria in the Philippines that former President Ferdinand Marcos could soon be brought to trial, a cloud hangs over his successor, President Aquino, the rich widow and former housewife whose administration and family are facing a growing number of corruption accusations from the opposition.

Put simply, Mrs Aquino is being accused of failing to control her relatives, who are alleged to be using her position to protect questionable business practices.

"It is the one thing we asked of her," said a political commentator and a former Corazon Aquino supporter, Mr Tony Gatmaytan. "We never insisted she be a great leader – but she must wipe out corruption, because that is why we got rid of Marcos."

The campaign against Mrs Aquino's family is being led by her most bitter political opponent, Vice-President Salvador Laurel, who has been detailing allegations in his speeches.

The most celebrated concerns her brother-in-law, Mr Ricardo Lopa. In the confusion that followed Mrs Aquino's accession to power in 1986, he took control of 39 companies belonging to a Marcos associate. Mr Lopa claims the companies were seized from him under the Marcos regime 12 years earlier. Mr Laurel says the action was illegal.

As his campaign spreads, high-ranking members of Mrs Aquino's administration have been implicated. The National Security Adviser, Mr Noel Soriano, who is a Cabinet member, is accused of having had some £70,000 deposited in his personal bank account. That money, Mr Laurel says, came from a controversial American company which was given a licence to dig up Manila's historic Fort Santiago in search of hidden gold. No gold has been found.

Then there is the case of the special anti-corruption prosecutor, Mr Raul Gonzales, who was suspended allegedly for contempt of court and gross misconduct. But Mr Laurel believes that the reason was more complex. "The special prosecutor ... dared to go full steam ahead, dared even to tangle with the sacrosanct Central Bank Governor and the indispensable National Security Adviser."

The truth of his allegations is uncertain, but Mrs Aquino has simply said that she has looked into some of them and found no wrongdoing. Aides say her accusers are trying to destabilize the Government. Mrs Aquino is, in a way, a victim of the legacy of Spanish colonialism – the power of the big families. Her maiden name is Cojuangco. The family emigrated from China to the Philippines in the 1860s as merchants and money-lenders and is now one of the richest in the country.

As widow of the assassinated Benigno Aquino, she is President by default, making it more difficult to assert authority over ambitious relatives. "She might be President of the Philippines," said a family friend, "but at home if she gives an order, why should anyone take notice? She's just plain Cory."

Mr Laurel's campaign could be crippling for the Government. Already it stands shamed, after the special commission tracking down the money taken by Mr Marcos fell into disarray because of corruption within its own ranks.

Mr Laurel is a bitter man. He missed becoming President when Mr Marcos fell because of Mrs Aquino's popularity and says he was ignored in her administration.

He has a burning ambition to become President himself. He has powerful and wealthy supporters and has chosen a campaign platform which, as it takes hold, could have far more impact among impoverished Filipinos than more complex issues such as the fluctuating economy and the communist insurgency.

Honolulu (Reuter) – Mr Ferdinand Marcos, the deposed Philippines President accused with his wife Imelda of embezzling more than $100 million (about £60 million), said he was confident they would be vindicated. "Paradoxical as it may seem, Imelda and I welcome the opportunity to show the whole world that these allegations of dishonesty and criminal activity cannot be proven," he said.

Hong Kong and Sydney drug arrests



One of the men seized in the swoop on drug traffickers being led away by Australian federal police in Sydney yesterday.

Detectives infiltrate Triad gang

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

In a combined operation with Hong Kong detectives, Australian police yesterday claimed to have broken one of the most feared Triad gangs and seized heroin worth £22.5 million being smuggled to Sydney.

Operation Clinker was successful when two police officers managed to infiltrate the drugs syndicate by posing as yachtsmen and heroin weighing 96lb was found concealed in the fresh-water tanks of the 48ft ketch Oni, bound from Hong Kong to Australia. The haul is the largest in Australia's history.

At the weekend police in Hong Kong and Sydney arrested more than 30 people, including alleged ringleaders of the notorious 14K Triad. Also detained was a Chinese woman working in the Australian consulate in Hong Kong, confirming police fears that Australia's business migration scheme had been targeted by the Triads. The 14K Triad is believed to be the most dominant Chinese criminal group in most overseas cities which have large Asian communities.

Operation Clinker began four months ago when Australian drug squad agents uncovered a plot to smuggle heroin from Hong Kong to Australia. The heroin had been transported across China from the Golden Triangle.

Police disclosed that the syndicate bought the yacht in the Philippines and sailed it to Hong Kong where advertisements were placed for a European crew. Two undercover police who answered the advertisement were recruited. On September 2 two members of the gang were observed leaving the dock and later returned to the yacht carrying a heavy bag.

Forty-eight hours later the yacht, with the two policemen on board along with three Englishmen who had answered the advertisement and the two who had collected the bag, headed out into the South China Sea followed by a pleasure cruiser.

Once out of sight of land the police seized control of the yacht and the cruiser, which was carrying more detectives, moved alongside. A Canadian, a Filipino and a Chinese Triad suspect were arrested.

Police decided to fake the voyage to Australia in an effort to trap the rest of the gang and the arrested crew members were taken to Sydney along with a small portion of the heroin. On Friday arrangements were made for a "drop" and some of the heroin was delivered to a Sydney address.

Two hours later the first arrest was made when a 27-year-old Chinese arrived to collect the drugs. Also seized was £60,000 in cash. Police then raided houses, hotels, gambling dens and brothels in both Hong Kong and Sydney.

Of the 22 suspects so far detained in Sydney, six will appear in court today on charges of conspiring to import drugs and illegal possession of heroin. More arrests are expected.

Indians lose more soldiers to Tigers

Colombo – Indian security sources reported last night that seven soldiers of the peace-keeping force died yesterday when they were caught in an ambush by Tamil Tiger separatist guerrillas near Vavuniya in the Northern province (Edward Gorman writes).

The sources could not confirm reports that put the toll at 11, with another six soldiers seriously wounded.

In a separate incident, near Batticaloa in the Eastern province, on Saturday, two Indian commandos died in an ambush also believed to be the work of the Tigers.

Falling poodle kills three

Buenos Aires (Reuter) – A poodle called Cachi, which fell from a 13th-floor balcony, caused three deaths here.

The dog fell on Señora Marta Espina, aged 75, and both died instantly. Señora Edith Sola, aged 46, a bystander, died when knocked down by a bus, and an unidentified man died of a heart attack.

Bomb scare

Moscow (Reuter) – About 30,000 people were evacuated from a suburb of Kiev after building workers found a 1,100lb unexploded bomb.

Bodies return

Kampala (AFP) – Twenty-eight bodies of victims of the Uganda Air crash at Rome airport have been flown home

Kidnap raid

Dhaka – Gunmen in an unmarked car raided the campus at Dhaka University and kidnapped two opposition student leaders in a hail of bullets, witnesses said.

Pretoria parades latest pride of its home-made arsenal

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

General Magnus Malan, the South African Minister of Defence, unveiled a new home-produced armoured car at the weekend, claiming it was "the only one of its kind in the world" and proof of the nation's ability to defend itself despite being isolated by an 11-year-old United Nations embargo on arms sales.

The sleek and deadly-looking Rooikat (Afrikaans for Lynx) – a four-man, eight-wheel vehicle armed with a 76mm gun – was "an impressive addition to the formidable iron fist" of South Africa's armed forces, General Malan said on Saturday at the launch ceremony in a sports stadium near Pretoria.

It is unlikely to have been mere coincidence that General Malan chose to unleash the Rooikat only five days before crucial, nationwide elections to municipal councils. The Government is facing a stiff challenge for control of many white-run town halls from supporters of the far-right Conservative Party.

The Conservatives claim the Government has gone soft and betrayed whites by relaxing apartheid at home and engaging in peace talks with Angola that may lead to independence for Namibia, the South-West African territory which has served Pretoria as a military base for the past 20 years.

Foreign journalists were invited last Friday to an army testing ground in the scrub-covered hills west of Pretoria for a preview of the Rooikat, the latest in a series of sophisticated weapons produced by Armscor, the usually secrecy-shrouded Armaments Corporation of South Africa.

At a press conference after the Rooikat had been put through its high-speed paces, the chief of the Army, General A.J. "Kat" Liebenburg, said the weapon was designed for fast-moving "search-and-destroy missions deep inside enemy territory".

General Liebenburg said the Rooikat could engage tanks if it had to, but its main purpose would be to seek out and attack enemy infantry units, artillery, supply lines, air defence systems and command centres. It was already in production and would go into operation next year.

Armscor officials say the Rooikat has an operating range of 600 miles and can travel at 70mph on roads and average between 30 and 40mph over rough terrain. Its armour plate provides protection against 23mm armour-piercing rounds.

The Rooikat's 76mm gun is said to be able to fire high-velocity armour-piercing shells at a rate of six rounds a minute.

Ninety per cent of the components, including all the technology, of the Rooikat were developed and manufactured in South Africa, Mr Johan van Vuuren, the executive general manager of Armscor, said. Armscor was hoping to find foreign buyers for the Rooikat.

One of the more ironic consequences of the arms embargo is that Armscor, in addition to making South Africa largely self-sufficient in arms production in little more than a decade, has also established a position as one of the world's leading exporters of armaments, probably about fifth by size.

● **Natal violence:** South African police shot dead a black rioter and two black men were shot and stabbed to death, apparently by fellow blacks, in Natal, police said yesterday.

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The jury on TRIAL
Part 1

For centuries, the English courts have relied on a man's guilt being decided by his peers. But, as Tony Dawe and Jack Crossley report in the first part of an investigative series, there are now grave doubts that justice is being done



Has the jury system, that most hallowed of British institutions, become a stumbling block in the path of justice? An inquiry by *The Times*, centred on interviews with former jurors, indicates that the question is in urgent need of examination.

It shows that "12 good men and true" in the jury room can too often be swayed by ignorance, boredom with the whole process, or prejudice against other social groups or the police. Sometimes they might be influenced, too, by real and justified fear.

The notion that an accused will be tried by a random and responsible selection of his peers — a system with roots going back earlier than the Norman conquest — is only a half-truth today.

History is full of examples of juries showing a sturdy refusal to return the verdicts that lawyers and governments thought they ought to reach. This inbuilt tension between rulers and ruled is one of the fundamental strengths of the system. But the value of the system is frustrated if juries come disproportionately to represent not society as a whole, but its more irresponsible and aggrieved elements.

Manipulation at various levels today tends to produce imbalanced juries, including too many people who are poorly qualified to make the grave choices asked of them, and who might even be prejudiced in favour of the accused.

The Times has talked to jurors who freely admit that verdicts can be based not on the evidence, which is often poorly presented, but on misunderstanding, pre-conceived ideas and mistrust of police evidence.

Remarkably little research has been done into the attitudes of jurors. Although the system is increasingly criticized by politicians and members of the judiciary, researchers have been constrained in going to the jurors themselves.

The law deems it contempt of court to ask jurors about their deliberations in specific cases, but *The Times* interviews have not been concerned with individual cases. Former jurors have talked of their experiences in court without discussing details of identifiable cases. While we know the name of each of our interviewees, we do not know the name of a single defendant involved.

The experiences they reveal will add to the concern already felt by the Government. Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, has announced that the right of peremptory challenge of jurors by defence counsel will be removed from the start of next year. It has often been used to remove jurors suspected of being unsympathetic to defendants. The age limit for jurors will also be raised from 65 to 70 to improve the age-balance.

In announcing these changes, Hurd said: "Jury service is a solemn duty. It should not be regarded flippantly or carelessly." Yet almost every former juror we interviewed provided examples of flippancy and prejudice. In some cases, the silent majority bowed to the prejudices of a vociferous minority. One juror recalled a colleague say, while trying a well-educated man for a serious motoring offence: "Why should he get away with it because he talks with a posh accent and has money enough to engage a barrister to defend him?" The man was convicted.

Much of the prejudice voiced in the jury room concerns the police. Many jurors refuse point-blank to accept police evidence. A Londoner told of four of his fellow jurors announcing during a drugs trial: "All the police evidence was lies."

Many people complained of the inability of their fellow jurors to reason logically. The foreman of one jury said: "Only two members of the jury had any obvious education and the ability to remember the evidence and make deductions." Several cases of illiterate jurors were reported.

Time and again, jurors complained at the way respectably-dressed people were eliminated. These stories were confirmed by the experience of a *Times* journalist. On the first few days of his two-week tour of duty he turned up for jury selection in suit and tie — and was never chosen. He then deliberately began arriving in casual clothes — and was immediately picked.

The conditions in some courts seem bad enough to instil anti-establishment feelings. A man from Windsor said that the Old Shire Hall, Reading, was so cramped and uncomfortable that jurors were ready to reach any verdict as long as they could go home.

Several jurors recalled an increasing lack of objectivity as the end of the week approached. It appeared that occasionally another British institution, the weekend, was more prized by jurors — and the judiciary — than the jury system itself.

'I was challenged immediately. I was baffled, I could not understand why I was unsuitable'

Mrs W. Wife of a JP.

Mrs W., from West Sussex, was pleased to receive her jury summons, because it came shortly before her 65th birthday, when she would have been disqualified by age. Married to a JP, she was appalled by the standard of morals and lack of honesty of her fellow jurors hearing the case of an African charged with smuggling heroin into the country through Gatwick Airport.

"The prosecution built up a picture of a thoroughly dubious character. He had evaded the immigration laws by studying English at a variety of colleges and taken part-time jobs. He claimed to have saved money which he took back to Nigeria on regular trips and invested in the black market. He was caught red-handed at Gatwick trying the 'smelly bag' trick, hiding £30,000 worth of heroin at the bottom of a bag containing all sorts of obnoxious Nigerian specialities. He claimed a friend who was catching a later flight from Lagos had given him the package and asked him to pass it on to him in England.

"It was a clever defence, but I did not believe it. I felt the prosecution had built up a convincing case and they provided a mass of documents to back it up. In summing up, the judge had said, in effect, that one either believed the man's story or believed the evidence of two police officers, two Customs men and two immigration officers.

"Most of my fellow jurors preferred to believe the man. Some said it was an obvious 'fit-up' by the authorities. They seemed to admire the man's ability to get round the immigration laws and to invest on the black market. 'You would be a mug to do anything else out there', one juror said. A couple of young women jurors were impressed by the man's smart appearance in court. One even said: 'He's a good-looking darkie. I wouldn't mind him living next door'.

"A lot of these remarks were made during the course of the trial, mostly in the pub near the court.

"Later it quickly became clear that eight people believed him innocent and four thought he was guilty. The majority put a lot of pressure on the four of us. There was a lot of anger. I was convinced the man was guilty and stuck to that view. Other jurors accused me of being racist because of that. One asked what I would have done if we were hearing the case in Malaysia, where they hang drug smugglers. 'Would I still find him guilty?' I was asked. I thought that was irrelevant.

"As the hours passed, first one and then another of those who believed him guilty changed their minds. I was quite angry about it and could see no reason for their change of mind. When we returned a majority verdict of not guilty, the judge informed us that his accomplice who had supposedly planted the drugs on him in Lagos had also been arrested in Britain and cleared because he could prove he had never left this country."

Mrs S. Businessman's wife.

Mrs S., who is in her forties, lives in a mews flat crammed with *objets d'art* in Bayswater, west London. She has been called for jury service twice and was enthusiastic to receive her first call four years ago. A Scandinavian, but now a British citizen, she was interested to see British justice at work. Her enthusiasm was dented on her first morning at Southwark Crown Court.

"I was called to serve on a jury straight away but I was challenged immediately. I was baffled, I could not understand why I was unsuitable. But then I realized that two other women had been challenged and I learnt later that it was a rape case, and the defending counsel was trying to keep women off the jury. It did not match up with my idea of British justice.

"I noticed that one man in a pinstripe suit, who was on jury service for the same fortnight, was always challenged and never sat on a single jury. As I came to realize how the system worked, I suggested he came to court in casual clothes — but he was not that type.

"I also could not understand why juries should have to consider some of the trivial cases which came before us. We had to deal with a lot of pickpockets and minor drugs cases.

"As a foreigner, I had heard a lot about British policemen. But I was most disappointed by the ones I saw in court. Some who were called to give evidence were almost illiterate, others were incapable of giving their evidence clearly and the general impression was of rather confused police cases which must have influenced jurors to doubt the prosecution evidence.

"I was called to do jury service again last year and nothing seemed to have improved, especially my fellow jurors. They had been called from three areas, Bayswater, Fulham and Harrow. I seemed to find myself on juries with Fulham and Bayswater people who held predictable views whatever the case. The people from Fulham were mostly working-class and quickly convinced that the defendants, many of whom were black, were automatically guilty. The group from Bayswater tended to be more liberal and doubtful about the strength of the cases. We began to talk amongst ourselves about the 'Fulham fascists'.

"In one case I was fairly convinced that the defendant was guilty of 'dipping' into people's bags on the Underground. He had been observed moving from one platform to another as the trains left and the evidence against him from British Transport policemen appeared overwhelming. One

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CRAIG BROWN

Tomorrow's announcement of the winner of the 1988 Booker Prize has been overshadowed by a special award for chairman of the judges to *Michael Foot*, a long, at times barely comprehensible work, described by admirers as "deeply disturbing and unsettling".

While some maintain that *Michael Foot* is a flawed comic masterpiece, others describe it as much more than that. On one level, it is the tale of an eccentric old tramp who believes himself to be the next prime minister of Great Britain, but on another level, it is the tale of a potential prime minister of Great Britain who believes himself to be a tramp.

The brilliance of *Michael Foot* lies in its ability to elevate objects from everyday life — a donkey jacket, problem hair, a dog called Dizzy — into the stuff of high comedy. At times obscure and simple, blending the melodramatic with the bureaucratic, *Michael Foot* emerges as a heart-warming tale of rags to rags.

A Mr Rezbany of Willesden has been awarded £50,000 for the suffering he incurred at the hands of his dentist. During 40 visits to his dentist, "his teeth have been ground down and the nerves exposed."

I've never been treated by Mr Rezbany's dentist, but my teeth have been ground down and my nerves exposed by many others. A small part of this torment can be blamed on their professional need to drill, inject, and so forth, but by far the greater part is caused by their peculiar habits in the fields of decoration and conversation.

As a breed, dentists tend to be odd and curiously threatening. Why, for instance, do so many dentists possess goldfish? Are they inveterate visitors to fun fairs? Or do they frequently hook them with their strange little metal rods as they poke about in the mouths of patients? This type of nagging question exposes a patient's nerves far more than the suggestion of impending pain.

Their conversation, too, seems carefully contrived to set the teeth grinding. "Going away this summer?" "Staying at home this Christmas?" They ask these questions immediately prior to stuffing the patient's mouth choc-a-bloc with gurgling tubes, old bits of tyre and clumps of cotton wool.

As one tries to splutter a "yes" or a "no" through the layers of detritus, they pretend to have difficulties in deciphering your answer, instead launching into long monologues on the subject of their own luxury cruises, skiing holidays and so on.

Further trick questions involve the method and frequency applied by the patient to the brushing of teeth. Whatever you answer — 30 times a day with a radar-based brush, 54 times an hour with a combination of toothpick, interdens and commercial vacuum — they always look disapproving and recommend some more up-to-date method. If you question their wisdom, they punish you by saying: "Have a little rinse, would you," thereby silencing you with their fiendishly pink and bubbly water.

Another question also haunts me: If dentists are so fond of goldfish, why do their goldfish have no teeth? If only goldfish had legal rights, they could stand to make a lot more than Mr Rezbany ever did.

More and more writers are complaining of a "computer bug" that has infected their word processors, often to the point of destroying their reputation.

Anthony Holden, aged 41, is one such writer. Graduating from Merton College, Oxford, with an MA in English Language and Literature, he had an early success with his translations of Greek Verse. In 1979, he wrote: *Charles, Prince of Wales*. This became a runaway best seller but then things began to go wrong. Holden himself takes up the story.

"I then set out to translate the *Aeneid*, but after six months work I took a printout from my word processor and discovered that I had instead written *Ever radiant: A pictorial biography of Captain Mark Phillips*. I was shattered. Trying to get over this shock I embarked in a philosophical enquiry into post-war world affairs. This was later published as *Lovely, Lovely Lady: A Personal Homage to Princess Michael of Kent*.

"The bug now seems ineradicable. *A History of East West Conflict* emerged as *The Buckingham Palace Pop Up Book*, and *A Spiritual Journey into the Heart of the Incas* turned out to be *Unlucky in Love: Princess Margaret at 55*. I now discover that I have published a book called *Charles at 40*, and next year I have a follow up, already written, called *Charles at 41*.

"I can only hope that my forthcoming biography of Leo Tolstoy, provisionally entitled *Full-of-Fun Fergie, the Nation's Favourite Funster* will do something to restore my reputation."

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SPECTRUM

the myth of the English jury?


SIAN ERIANCES

'Some jurors hate the police, some are illiterate and incapable of any form of mental deduction'

Mrs J. C.
Businesswoman

Mrs J. C., a lively woman in her thirties, lives in north London. She was left angry and astonished by her spell of jury service. She listened to the case of a young man charged with breaking and entering and attempted burglary after being caught by a householder trying to climb in through a broken window.

"The man's defence was totally destroyed by the evidence. He had claimed that he was drunk and, looking for somewhere to sleep it off, had broken the window of what he thought was a derelict house. But we were shown pictures of the house which made it obvious that it was not derelict . . . a guilty verdict seemed the only possible one.

"To my astonishment, some members of the jury thought the man was not guilty. They were clearly influenced by a bright young lady who made it clear that she thought the man was not guilty as nothing had been stolen and it was quite possible that he had been drunk.

"Everyone's views seemed to be based purely on class judgments. They sympathized with the defendant, who was clearly a disadvantaged young man, and disliked the householder because his senior post provided him with a rather splendid home.

"One juror said 'He deserves all he gets living in a house like that; I am certainly not going to convict someone for just breaking a window'. The lady foreman claimed it was always the disadvantaged who were dragged before the courts.

"At one stage, the accuracy of the police evidence was discussed and many jurors made it clear they were unwilling to believe anything officers said.

"Eventually, I was left the only one convinced that the man was guilty. The foreman said I could stick to my view as long as I liked but, sooner or later, the judge would ask for a majority verdict and the outcome would be a not guilty verdict. I am sorry to say that I gave in.

"The judge appeared astonished by the verdict. I bumped into the defendant's girl friend who told me that he was already serving a prison sentence for a similar offence."

Mr X.
Company executive.

Mr X., who is in his fifties, lives in a small country house in the South-east. He is in the unusual position of having twice been the foreman of a jury and then found himself being tried by one after being charged with dishonestly handling stolen paintings.

"My experience as a juror gave me no faith that I would get a fair hearing from a jury. I appeared at the Old Bailey in the dock with five other people, who each faced different charges and had different lawyers. From my experience, I doubt if the jury could sort out all the different evidence and, because the other defendants were common burglars and I was a businessman, I assume that the jurors automatically thought that I was the brains behind the operation. I was duly found guilty.

"During my jury service I distinctly remember an assault case. A woman had answered a ring at the door, and then been viciously attacked. The male defendant had had a previous relationship with the woman and fibres found under her fingernails after the attack matched a jacket found at his home. His alibi that he and a mate had been with a couple of soldiers' wives at the time of the attack collapsed under cross-examination.

"It was the clearest case of the man being guilty that you could imagine. I was asked to be foreman and suggested that everyone should state their initial views. To avoid embarrassment, I suggested they write them on pieces of paper which were then mixed up and handed to me. I was amazed to find eight Not Guilties and three Don't Knows.

"I asked the other jurors to explain their views . . . some showed an inbuilt reluctance to believe the police . . . it became clear some could not distinguish whether witnesses had been giving evidence for the prosecution or the defence."

Mr H.
Business consultant.

Mr H., a man in middle-age, had heard from former jurors that he would be challenged if he turned up for jury service in his normal business suit. So he discarded it in favour of a zip-up jacket and found himself foreman of a jury hearing assault charges against three youths.

"The prosecution counsel was inept and the police witnesses' separate notes of individual events always matched to the last comma. Neither of these points seemed to have registered with any of the jurors.

"One middle-aged working-class lady announced 'They're guilty' and refused to participate any further. Another lady, aged about 30, of clear left-wing views, then spent two minutes telling us 'The police are bent'.

"I tried to ensure that we kept to one topic at a time, but most of the jurors went off at tangents. Only two of them had any obvious education and the ability to remember the evidence and make deductions. Half of them could not understand the obvious logic that, if they did not believe the evidence, then they had to accept it was a frame-up.

"After three hours of ill-informed debate, I called for a vote and found eight jurors believed the three were guilty. As four o'clock came and went, the other four slowly changed their minds and we finally reached unanimous verdicts.

"I stood up in court and said 'Guilty' three times and then, with a certain sense of relief, heard their previous form read out by the clerk. It included a conviction for causing grievous bodily harm at the age of 16 for one of them.

"I was left believing the jury system is a lottery. Some jurors hate the police, some are illiterate and incapable of any form of mental deduction."

juror announced 'I used to work for British Rail and I know that BT policemen are useless. They are just the rejects from the Met. I never believe a word they say and I am sure they are wrong.

"I also felt slightly uneasy about the people in the public gallery for some cases. In one drugs case involving two youths who had never previously been in trouble with the police, the youths' mothers sat in court weeping most of the time. This unsettled some of the jurors, although we did eventually convict by a majority verdict.

"In another case, the friends of a black youth charged with drugs offences in Notting Hill appeared in the public gallery and began staring menacingly at us.

"My final memory is the eagerness of people to reach *any* verdict on one Friday afternoon. The judge invited us to return a majority verdict after we had been deliberating for only a short time and the impression was that everyone just wanted to get home."

FROM NORMAN CONQUEST TO TERRORIST TRIAL

The jury system is nearly 1,000 years old, born in the the wake of the Norman conquest and evolving over the centuries in the contest between the rights of the state and the citizen. Legal historians trace the origins of the jury to a body of men created by the new Norman masters in a particular area to give a true answer (*veredictum* — verdict) to a question put by the Crown.

In the 13th century the jury began to take on a legal role when the use of the clergy in trial by ordeal ended. Magna Charta included the recognition of a man's trial by "the lawful judgement of his peers".

At first the jurors were little more than witnesses selected by a sheriff on the basis that they were aware of the facts in dispute in the case. The developing system included the use of the Grand Jury, consisting of 24 men who would inquire into certain alleged crimes and produce an indictment for trial.

As trial by jury grew, Parliament defended the principle. In the early 14th century an Act was passed removing the Crown's right to peremptory challenge because of fears that juries were being packed with sympathizers. Unanimous verdicts had become accepted practice by the middle of the century.

In the 17th century the jury system was one of the grievances which led to the Civil War, but the Puritans were no happier with juries than their Royalist predecessors. Forty years later, right of trial by jury was one of the matters raised in the Bill of Rights in 1689.

By the end of the 18th century the jury system was under pressure. Governments were angry at London juries which refused to bring convictions of guilt against John Wilkes, the civil libertarian. When country juries consistently refused to convict poachers the Government response was to make poaching a summary offence. In Victorian times the jury system flourished alongside the growth of the professional police force and increasingly modern methods of investigation.

The current system is of only very recent creation. In 1967 legislation ended the use of unanimous verdicts, so that a majority of 11 to 1 or 10 to 2 would be acceptable. The jury have to deliberate for at least two hours before a judge tells them he can accept a majority, although in practice a judge will usually allow much longer.

The change came about after pressure led by the police including Robert Mark, then chief constable of Leicester, who in 1965 in a notable lecture at Nuffield College, Oxford urged a number of changes to the trial system. The aim, according to the Home Office, was to reduce the activities of some professional criminals, who were allegedly nobbling jurors to destroy a trial.

The end of the 1970s and the start of this decade brought the issue of jury vetting into the open. After a series of controversial trials, practice directions were issued by the Attorney General suggesting that vetting was to take place only in cases of terrorism or where national security made *in camera* hearings necessary.

In the 19th century the jury systyem was widely exported with the growth of the Empire and the rise of democracies across Europe.

But in this century the system has been removed in many countries under the pressures of changing regimes. In modern Europe many countries rely on systems using professional judges, produced from a judicial corps entered by competition, or a bench of judges and laymen, as in France and West Germany.

In Scotland, the system differs markedly from England and Wales, with 15 people making up the jury and a simple majority (even of eight against seven) sufficient for a verdict. In Northern Ireland alleged terrorists are tried before a judge only in a Diplock court.

The United States relies heavily on the jury. In the 1970s experts estimated that up to 90 per cent of the world's jury trials took place under the American legal system.

Stewart Tendler

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICE?

Jurors are selected at random from men and women aged 18 to 65 who are on the Electoral Register. The Government is planning to raise the age limit to 70 but has yet to fix a date for the change. The only qualification required of jurors is that they must have lived in Britain for at least five years.

A vast group of people are exempt from jury service, however. They include anybody whose job involves the law, from special constables and barristers' clerks to prison officers and judges. Members of the Armed Forces, the medical profession, the clergy and the House of Lords are also excused jury service, together with MPs and members of the European Assembly.

Anyone sentenced to more than five years in custody is barred for life; people who receive a smaller custodial sentence, a suspended sentence or a community service order are banned for 10 years; those placed on probation are disqualified for five years.

Jurors are normally asked to serve for a fortnight. If they are called for a case which is going to last much longer, they can ask to be excused for valid business and family reasons.

During their service, jurors receive a small meals allowance and can claim loss of earnings up to a maximum of £29.70 a day. That figure increases to a maximum of £59.40 a day for every one served over 10 days. The unemployed receive a daily allowance of £5 plus their normal social security payments.

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CLEMENT FREUD

It is coming up to a year since the editor of *The Times* said "You are a person to whom things happen, write a diary." I write a diary. Airlines lose my luggage and sell my confirmed seat. Pimm's weaken their drink. My son gets married in New York. I go to my grandfather's museum in Vienna, a senior security man gives me a run-down on Mr Waite's whereabouts and I mention the charity of which I'm president. I open a wine fare, discuss the blight which had got my Portuguese lemon tree. All good stuff . . . but nothing to which one could add the proud phrase "You read it first in the Times Diary on a Monday."

Today's column marks the end of such trivia. I am writing this from the bed of a room on the eighth floor of the London Clinic whither I had gone to have minor surgery and ended up having my teeth broken. Goodness, everyone here is jolly sorry. The anaesthetist said it hadn't happened to him for 18 years: the surgeon thought it was an act of God; the nurse takes my temperature and gives me injections as knee-jerk reactions to trouble and people in higher authority are too embarrassed to come and see me — if there are people in higher authority.

On my bedside table I have discovered a form on which is written: "I confirm that my insurance covers me for a room at £110 a day and that I wish to stay in a room at £250 a day; I agree to pay the difference of £140 per day on my personal account." There is a line for "patient's signature" which is blank — but a tired squiggle near where it says Room No. could easily have been executed by me or a wayward cockroach and I do have this vague recollection that ten minutes after my pre-med, when I was watching Steve Davies riding through a dart board at Newbury races, a woman had come in and said "Sign here."

Only time will tell what else I signed; I might have agreed to marry the night nurse, left an annuity to the hall porter who got me to the lift when I arrived. I'm practically certain I did not agree to have my teeth knocked out.

The first half of the week was spent in Malta where the sun was hot, the drinks cool and the local people exude niceness at room temperature. Upon this small and welcoming Mediterranean island when there is something to celebrate, they do it with rabbit. I had rabbit with a rabbi, rabbit in the Maltese village of Rabat and when the manager of the hotel where I stayed gave a dinner party we had rabbit again: both kinds, stewed and fried with garlic. The rabbits are tame, most people keeping a few at the bottom of the garden, and, as entertaining on Malta is spontaneous, this afternoon's family pet tends to become this evening's supper.

On my Air Malta flight (an airline which has smoking on one side of the narrow gangway, non-smoking on the other) the man next to me had beneath his seat a white canvas bag upon which I picked out the letters Ornatic. Laundromatic, I thought to myself; later, when the plastic arrived — knife, sausage, spoon, cheese, fork — he moved it sufficiently for me to see that the missing letters were Dipl. He was a Queen's Messenger bringing news from the High Commissioner to his masters in Whitehall.

Are you armed? I asked him. He said not. Black belt judo? Just the safety belt like the rest of us, he said. But in case of trouble, I suggested, you have a cyanide pill? No. "Suppose when we land I grab the bag and make a run for it?" He said that will be fine, give it to the man at the entrance to the terminal who is waiting for it. Is yours a good job? He asked me what I thought. The bag was bulky, possibly the High Commissioner's Christmas cards to distant colleagues as we are coming up to the last day for posting parcels to Papua New Guinea.



What is very special about life on Malta is the economy thereof: elaborate pastries with cream and fruit are available for eight Maltese cents — about 13p. Bakeries sell fresh rounds of marvellous, slightly leavened bread with a hole in the middle for 5c and at the five-star Phoenecia hotel an iced lemonade costs 20c with an extra 25c added for room service. I wish guides listed the really interesting aspects of tourism: what to take when you go there (grouse, fresh ginger, Cox's apples); what to bring back (capers, lace, Calypso mayonnaise) and how much it costs to buy enough local booze to fall flat on your face — under one Maltese pound.

I have in my time met many metropolitan box office managers and while I just may have been plum unfortunate for 50 years, I have yet to meet one who is congenial — and I choose my word with care. On Thursday I went to see *Au Revoir les Enfants* at the Curzon cinema, telephoning to ask whether they had seats bookable on a credit card for the last performance. Yes, said the man, but they're going fast. Could I sit reasonably centrally, not too far back, because Magoo and I share this problem with our eyesight? "We will do our best," said the box office man, and at his behest I read him everything on my credit card except the phone number which you ring when you lose it. I arrived in Curzon Street's lovely cinema to be given seat X23 . . . which is the end seat of the last row. Meanwhile the people who had not booked were getting all sorts of nice seats in front of me for 50p a go less. "Can I change?" I asked a box office lady offering her my ticket. She came from the same mould as her colleague, couldn't take my reserved seat because she was only filling unreserved ones.

Barry Fantoni is on holiday

Des Wilson puts the case for balance in Official Secrets reform

Against the public interest

When the Government legislates to reform Section Two of the Official Secrets Act, controversy is likely to centre on one question: if everyone acknowledges that there are circumstances in which the public interest is best served by secrecy, should we and the law not also acknowledge that there can be circumstances in which the public is best served by disclosure, even if unauthorised?

The context, of course, is a proposed bill about the *control* of information not its disclosure. A balanced approach — greater availability of information as a *quid pro quo* for better-kept secrets — has been rejected.

In 1979, when James Callaghan attempted reform of Section Two, there was at least an admission in the green paper that "administration is still conducted in an atmosphere of secrecy that cannot always be justified". Its proposals for more effective secrecy laws were accompanied by a modest gesture towards greater disclosure, the so-called Croham directive. This promised the routine publication of background information related to policy matters.

Under Mrs Thatcher, however, there is no pretence that reform of Section Two will reduce unnecessary secrecy. On the contrary, in July the Home Secretary denied such a thing even existed, claiming the Government had opened up a "cornucopia of information", a "flow . . . spreading ever outwards".

Anyone who believes that should read the stream of all-party select committee reports whose investigations have been frustrated by Whitehall's refusal to disclose the facts. Only days before Mr Hurd's "cornucopia" speech the Conservative-dominated energy committee had condemned "the secrecy and haste" of Government consultations on electricity privatization.

Nor does his claim bear examination when compared with his refusal to support legislation giving people access to their personal files (except for compliance with European laws on computerized files), even though Britain is the last major democracy to deny people this basic right.

Despite the Home Secretary's protestations, last July's White Paper is honest enough. It makes clear that Section Two reform will lead to no greater disclosure. Information removed from the scope of the criminal law will simply be protected by other means, most probably a combination of the Civil Service disciplinary code and actions for breach of confidence. Vast areas of information — about law enforcement, foreign relations, defence, security — will be the subject of blanket protection. Not only public servants but the journalists who publish information disclosed without authorization will be prosecuted.

To those who had hoped for a balanced approach this is, of course, bad news. What makes it completely unacceptable is the refusal to countenance a public-interest defence. The press can report no wrong-doing, no matter how illegal, no impropriety, no matter how shocking, if protected information is involved. This applies not only to the most sensitive classified data; the definitions are encyclopaedic, in some cases explicitly encompassing both the trivial and the previously published.

This is precisely the absolutism the Government fought for in the *Spycatcher* case. It was rebuffed by judges all over the world. In Britain, too, judges have long held that the obligation to observe confidences cannot be used to prevent the exposure of iniquity.

In 1968 the courts refused an injunction to a company trying to prevent its former sales manager revealing the existence of a price-fixing cartel. Lord Denning ruled: "I do not think that an employer can say to a servant, 'I know that we are issuing misleading circulars (about the high prices) but you are to keep quiet about it, and if you disclose it I shall sue you for damages'. The servant may well be justified in replying, 'I cannot stand such conduct. I will leave and let the public know about it, so as to protect them'."

This month the Lords ruled that this principle applies even to the security services. Yes, there is a lifelong duty of confidentiality, but it is not absolute. "Theoretically", said Lord Griffiths, if a member of the service discovered that an iniquitous course of action was being pursued that was against the national interest, and no one in authority would take action, "then he should be relieved of his duty of confidence so that he could alert his fellow citizens to the impending danger".

Clearly these would be exceptional circumstances, but then most freedom of information advocates have always accepted that the public-interest defence should be an exceptional one. For his private member's bill earlier this year, Mr Richard Shepherd and the Campaign for Freedom of Information drafted a set of safeguards. First, the defence could be applicable only where there was evidence of crime, fraud, abuse of authority, neglect of duty, or equivalent serious misconduct. It could not be invoked by someone who wished to argue that the government's policy was not in the public interest. Second, there would need to be reasonable grounds for believing the iniquity existed. Unsubstantiated suspicion would not be enough. Third, civil servants — though this would not apply to journalists — could rely on the defence only if they could show they had exhausted all possible internal remedies, including some that could be newly created. It would, therefore, be available only in the last resort. Finally, the disclosure would have to be justified in the public interest. Minor misconduct would not justify the disclosure of highly classified secrets.

This is not a frivolous defence. It is not a leaker's charter. It would be of little use to someone whose main aim was just to embarrass the government of the day. It would, however, offer the public some protection from abuse of its trust. It would be an effective deterrent to flagrant abuse of power; those involved in serious wrong-doing would know that the law would not help them to cover their tracks.

Given its refusal to introduce freedom of information, it is the least we should expect from a government which claims a desire to strengthen the citizen and reduce the power of the state.

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Bernard Levin

Indulging the wasteline

The other day, at Heathrow, in Terminal Four, I was waiting for my flight to be called; I wandered about the concourse and came upon the duty-free shops. I have never seen the point of this absurd concession, have never used it, and was delighted to learn that the goods in question can be bought more cheaply at the shopper's destination. But some of the goods are pretty, and worth a glance. As it happens, I had need of such glancing; I had left my belt behind, and I felt that it might excite comment if I boarded the plane with my trousers round my ankles; besides, I find aesthetically unpleasing the sight of the empty belt-loops at the waist.

So I strolled into a shop which sold such items, and came upon a rack of belts, many of them sufficiently handsome to serve in the cause of keeping me tidy. In such matters, I go for the plain rather than the decorated, and I plucked from its hook a suitable brown job by Dunhill; my feeble eyes could not make out the price on the label, so I took it over to the cash-desk and asked what it cost. See this wet, see this dry? The answer was £78.50.

Now you all know, or should, that Lavish Jack Levin, last of the big spenders, recks not the cost of keeping himself the glass of fashion and the mould of form; if the Levin trousers must hang just *so*, then an appropriate belt must be acquired to see that they do. On the other hand, not even in a dim light could I be mistaken for the Sultan of Brunei, and I replaced the belt in its place on the rack.

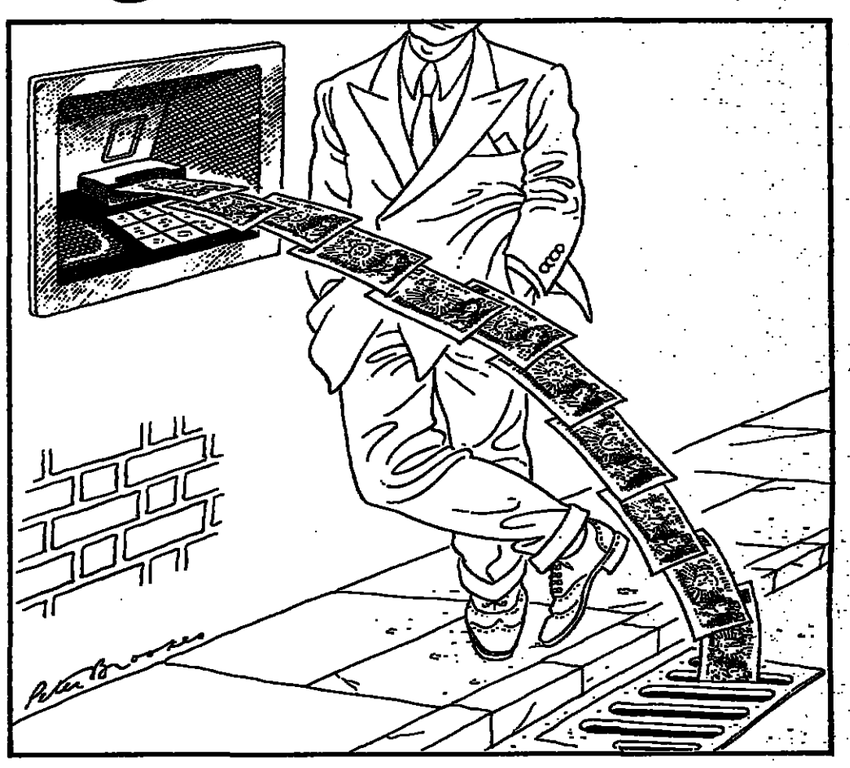
Intrigued by what can only be properly described as a diabolical bleeding liberty, I ran my eye over the other belts on offer, this time putting on my reading-specs to make sure I could see the figures. There was a Dior one, in a particularly nasty design, which cost £78.95; two from Aliders, the first at £71.50, and the second at £29.95, doubtless designed for cheapskates: and so on, *pro rata*.

I went over to the ties; these were all by Dunhill, and all were of identical material and style, though there was a very wide variety of patterns. There was also a single price for each: it was £38.95.

It was time to go aboard; as I walked towards the gate I passed a little kiosk selling sweets, T-shirts and the like, and on impulse asked if they stocked belts. Yes, came the answer, over there. Over there were indeed belts; I homed in on a smart one which was two-toned, being reversible with the use of an ingenious buckle. In fairness, I must say that the Dunhill one that had had me backing out of the shop making the sign against the Evil Eye was almost as smart and supple as this one. Mine was, of course, of real leather, but, again, so was Dunhill's.

All in all, the two were not to be distinguished by sight, feel or quality. But they could certainly be told apart by the wallet; the belt in the corner set me back a cool £5.95, and if you meet me in the street I shall be perfectly happy to unbutton my jacket and let you have a look at it.

Honour where honour is due; the one that cost me not quite 7.6 per cent of what was asked for Alf's scam was made in Italy; its brand name is Montecarlo Im (dunno what the Im stands for). But the episode set me thinking.



Economists have identified a concept called negative, or reverse, elasticity. The elasticity of demand, as the technical term has it, is measured by changes in price: if purchases of one item that has become more expensive fall off more than another item that has been raised in price by the same proportion, it is said that the former has a greater elasticity than the latter. The point about economics, as you may know, is that it only tells you things you know already, like the above. But there are a few exceptions, and reverse elasticity is one.

It means that demand *increases* when the price goes up. It is very difficult to think, unprompted, of anything that fits the definition; at least, it was until recently, and most of us would have thought that common sense would ensure that examples would be few, and those very peculiar. But for all I know, if the belt I rejected had cost £100 instead of £78.50, there might have been a queue of customers for it.

More fools they. But I have just thought of an exact parallel to the belt nonsense, and one which is much more widespread; if I had had another few minutes at the airport I bet I could have compiled a long list of "men's toiletries" exhibiting all the stigmata of reverse elasticity. You can buy perfectly satisfactory and pleasantly scented deodorants, after-shave lotions, talcs, colognes and the like for two or three pounds a go; you can also, if you are daft enough, fork out anything up to 25 quid for something exactly the same.

Many years ago, somebody coined the term "ilth", as a reversed echo of "wealth"; he meant it for certain kinds of conspicuous consumption. The kind of thing I am discussing did not exist then in that form, but the principle cannot have changed, though my experience at Heathrow suggests that it is being much more skilfully and effectively employed.

It wouldn't be difficult to devise an experiment. Here are two items in identical blank containers; no brand names, but price tags, one of which is fifteen times the other. The subject can examine both to his heart's content, and after admitting that he can find no difference, he plumps for the higher price *only because* it is higher.

There are, of course, a few areas in which his method would work; if you are going to the theatre, and want the best seats, you simply buy the highest-priced ones. And for that matter, two oranges will rightly cost more than one. But our world has now got to the point at which one orange will be bought for vastly more than the very next orange on the barrow, though the barrow-boy will be hard put to it to stifle his amazement, not to say giggles.

And the result is very big business indeed; ilth is lord of all. I don't think this is a moral question; throwing money away is foolish, not sinful. But I am intrigued by those who do the throwing, and their motives.

I can only make a guess; it is that the enormous incomes which today accrue in professions which were once poorly paid (these are the years that the hairdressers have eaten), or — more subtly — which now pay starting salaries that would once have been earned only after a dozen or more years spent slowly rising in the firm, have bred a strain of spenders with no idea of value or restraint.

This is the impostume of much wealth and peace,
Which inward breaks, and shows no sign without
Why the man dies.

If you go to the Campo San Geremia, in Venice, you will find, in the corner, the Palazzo Labia; if you can wheedle your way upstairs (the palace is now the Venice headquarters of the Italian broadcasting service), you will see a magnificent room decorated by Tiepolo at the height of his powers, with a *trompe-l'oeil* ceiling that will stop your breath.

Generations ago, the head of the Labia family gave a huge banquet, at which the guests feasted off massive gold plates. At the end of the meal, all the precious plates and utensils were gathered up, and he threw the lot into the Grand Canal, to demonstrate his enormous wealth and extravagance. He had, however, taken the precaution of fixing nets under the surface of the water, so that when his guests had gone marvelling home, it could all be hauled up again. I think that he and our modern yuppies who spend for the sake of spending can reasonably be called very silly. But I think they are sillier than he was.

Commentary • WILLIAM FRANKEL

A block vote sunders

The six million Jewish citizens of the United States comprise less than 3 per cent of the electorate. On the face of it, their political preferences should be of no great consequence. But they are.

Not only are many Jews politically active (they are often described as hyperactive) and contribute financially to campaigns, but a higher proportion than the national average actually go out and vote. Additionally, they are concentrated in the large states which are crucial in the winner-take-all system.

In 1976 Jimmy Carter won 80 per cent of the Jewish vote in New York City, which has a Jewish population of some three million. Had the Jews divided their votes equally between Carter and Ford, the Democrats would not have won New York state, or the election. Four years later, having antagonized many Jews with his Middle East policy, Carter lost New York and the presidency.

No longer an immigrant community, Jews in the US are thoroughly integrated into national life. Their styles of living differ little from those of other Americans of the same socio-economic class. But the Jews have not assimilated. They remain an identifiable entity which becomes the object of serious attention at election times.

That itself is singular. Catholic or Greek voters, for example, might be specifically courted on a particular issue. But in national politics *generally they do not* display a pattern of voting behaviour distinct from that of the country as a whole. Only the Jews, blacks and hispanics do.

Whatever the national trend, these groups have overwhelmingly voted Democratic. That blacks and hispanics should support the party thought to be more favourable to social and economic underdogs is understandable. But most Jews are educated and comfortably off and should, by generally accepted criteria, be voting for the more conservative Republicans.

When they first entered the political scene, Jews in fact did tend to favour the Republicans. It was the party of Abraham Lincoln, the humanitarian who had freed the slaves. They made an exception for the Democrat Woodrow Wilson, admired as a scholar and an internationalist, but it was not until 1928 that they started to move away from the Republican party.

In that year Al Smith was the Democratic presidential candidate. He was a Roman Catholic and that put him on the same side as the Jews in the struggle against prejudice and discrimination. He won 72 per cent of the Jewish vote.

The Jews have remained consistently loyal to the Democratic Party ever since. Even in 1984, when Reagan's tremendous popularity brought him a landslide, his Democratic opponent, Walter Mondale, received two thirds of Jewish votes.

A number of indications today point to the possibility that in next month's election the Jewish vote may be swinging in the direction of the Republicans. This is by no means the first time that such a prediction has been made, but the arguments now supporting it are persuasive.

The new generation of younger, affluent Jews have not inherited their parents' dogged loyalty to the Democrats. They have more in common with their gentile peer group and, though unenthusiastic about Bush, see the Republican Party as more attuned to their economic interests. And the mass of the Jewish community which is middle-class is now affected by what may be called the Jackson factor.

The Rev Jesse Jackson represents the growing political power of the nation's 20 million blacks, and that has become something which sets off Jewish alarm bells. Not so long ago, both groups were in close alliance in the fight for civil rights. But in the past two decades that coalition has broken down and a rift has rapidly grown between them. The younger, newly confident, black leaders rejected Jewish help. At the same time, the Jews have observed with growing apprehension a stream of expressions of black anti-semitism.

One of the first appeared very soon after the civil rights victories of 1965. In the introduction to a catalogue of a Harlem exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum, a young black named Candice Van Ellison wrote, "Behind every hurdle that the Afro-American has yet to jump stands the Jew who has already cleared it." The blacks, she continued, were exploited by the Jews as shopkeepers and landlords and "our contempt for the Jew makes us feel more completely American in sharing a national prejudice."

In the succeeding twenty years much more has been written and spoken in the same vein, but never more incisively. Moreover, during the same decades, a growing indentification of the blacks with the Third World has put them on the anti-Israel side in the Middle East conflict. However much Jackson may be cold-shouldered by Dukakis, the Democrats are seen as more susceptible to black influence. That will lose Dukakis many Jewish votes.

True, these factors also existed in 1984, but the Jackson phenomenon was then new and needed time to penetrate. Besides, Jews were inhibited from voting Republican in that election because of the party's relationship with the fundamentalist Christian right.

President Reagan personally associated himself with the "moral majority" and commended efforts to "Christianize" America. That offended the sensibilities of Jews who see themselves not as a tolerated minority in a Christian country but as an integral part of a nation in which church and state are constitutionally separated.

Bush has not so far followed Reagan on this issue. This may partly be due to the fact that the financial and sexual scandals in the fundamentalist camp have much reduced its political influence. Nor does the traditional Democratic backing for Israel count as much as it did. Today the candidates vie with each other in promises of support for the Jewish state.

If next month's result were once again to look close, the importance of the populous states — New York, Illinois, California — would be enhanced. All have large Jewish populations whose votes could then well determine the result.

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With growing congestion on the roads and the rundown of the railways, it would seem logical to make greater use of canals to move heavy freight. Lord Shuttleworth, who had been chairman of the Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways, was saying the same 60 years ago — to little effect.

TRANSPORT BY WATER

TIME SAVED IN DELIVERIES

To the Editor of The Times

Sir,- Recent public discussions of our inadequate means of transporting heavy traffic have almost ignored the remedy available by the unification and improvement of the waterways. This omission seems strange to one who, after full inquiry in Great Britain, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, and Holland, shared with able and competent colleagues the responsibility for the Report in December, 1909, of the Royal Commission on the Canals and Inland Navigations of the United Kingdom.

But the fact is that, whereas in the years 1905 and 1906 traders demanded and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's Cabinet originated this investigation, and public opinion was thoroughly aroused on the importance of waterways as a means of transport "between centres of commercial, industrial, or agricultural importance, and between such centres and the sea" (to quote the terms of reference to the Commission), three years later nearly all this public interest had subsided.

Nevertheless, a few valuable improvements have been made, notably of the River Trent with its new fine locks; and others are being planned, based on the recommendations of our Report. Without intruding on your space to recapitulate these to your readers, I appeal to all who realize the need of more abundant and cheaper means of transport to study our Report . . . [and] to organize visits by traders, with at least one competent engineer, to the waterways of the North of France and South of Belgium, where geographical conditions more nearly resemble our own than in other parts of the Continent.

Surely it is desirable that those who suffer from costly and inadequate transport facilities should inspect what has been done in these countries in spite of four years of war and devastation, and what are the present conditions as to the transport of heavy traffic. The advantages of uniformity of canal-gauge and unity of administration under State control would impress visitors from this country.

One word on the question of speed. Rapidity of movement on water confined between canal banks has proved to be practically unattainable for two reasons. (*a*) The ill-effects on the bottom of the canal and consequently on the banks; (*b*) the wasteful expenditure of power required to attain anything beyond a low speed. But what is important is not a high speed per mile, but the shortest possible interval between the dispatch and delivery of goods. In this kind of speed the canal-barge tortoise can compete successfully with the rail-truck, which, owing to delays at stations and in sidings, attains the "painfully slow" average speed to which your leading article of October 18 calls attention, on the authority of Mr. Bell, assistant manager of the London and North-Eastern Railway.

Yours faithfully,
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LAW AND LIGHTS

With a characteristic pugnacious opportunism, Mr Eric Hammond's EETPU is preparing to take advantage of what it believes to be Government clumsiness over the sacking of GCHQ workers to score a number of hits for the union. In sending ballot papers today to its 43,000 power station members for sympathetic strike action with the GCHQ staff, the electricians already seem to be ahead on points.

First, the union is demonstrating its virility. Irked by repeated claims that it is a sweetheart union tied to the whims of the bosses, it believes that GCHQ gives it an opportunity to show that it is nobody's poodle.

Secondly, it has a handsome opportunity to upstage the TUC and the moderate-led Council of Civil Service Unions, which have been proceeding with some caution in fear of breaching the Government's trade union legislation. Mr Hammond and his colleagues appear to have been more buccaneering. They looked behind the bluster of the government lawyers to find some scope for sympathy action.

Their public line claims that they have found it. Last week the Department of Employment appeared to be giving them some support. Because electricity is supplied on a statutory basis, officials were quoted as saying, "industrial action taken by the electricians' union would not necessarily be considered unlawful".

At that point it looked as though the EETPU were ahead on all fronts. It had called the Government's bluff, upstaged its TUC rivals, and flexed its union muscles all in one go. Yet there are deeper issues which should be addressed before the EETPU savours its triumph.

Most important of these is the state of the law. Although in this area it is complex, it is reasonably clear that electricians' action at CEGB power stations would be secondary industrial action. The CEGB is not the same employer as GCHQ, nor associated with it, in a way that would make sympathy action potentially lawful.

Industrial action by the electricians would be directed at procuring the CEGB either to breach its statutory duty to supply power to area boards, or those boards to interrupt supply to their customers. Some customers are supplied by formal contracts, others – pending privatization – under the industry's statutory duty.

Customers with contracts who feared they might suffer loss would have an action for an injunction to prevent such EETPU action or, if it took place, to recover damages. Their action would be founded in the EETPU's attempt to interfere with their contracts with electricity boards.

So far as domestic customers supplied under the board's statutory obligations are concerned, they also may have a right of action. Although there have not been clear decisions in this area, unions which interfere with boards' statutory duty to provide power may be committing a tort which can also give rise to an injunction or damages.

Two points need to be kept very clear. The first is that, despite the Department of Employment's earlier confusion on the subject, which it now seems to have put right, the electricians' action is indeed secondary. Unlawful action of this category cannot be legitimised by a successful ballot. And where a contract is interfered with there is clear legal redress.

The second is that the EETPU may have been advised that it can squeak within the legislation by claiming that it has a trade dispute in respect of its members at GCHQ, and that this can be extended within the public sector. It is wrong, because the action would still be secondary and unlawful.

It must be hoped that electricity producers, customers and their representatives will quickly apprise themselves of their legal rights and gear up to enforce them, before the switching off of power supplies once more begins to be seen as an acceptable way of promoting disputes between union members and their employers.

The electricians' behaviour should also help to cure ministers and officials of the view that there are "good unions" and "bad unions", and that it is the Department of Employment's undeclared aim to help their favoured union leaders perform more effectively. The opportunism of the EETPU should remind them that it is the protection of the public, and innocent third parties who may be damaged by industrial disputes, which should be the Department's priority. New style unionism is no better than the old if it, too, seeks to advance its causes by turning off the lights.

CAVALRY RESCUE

It has been perhaps too easily assumed that when Mexico sneezes, the financial markets catch pneumonia. Early last year, these same markets survived the short-lived, unilateral decision by Brazil to stop servicing its even larger foreign debt. Since August 1982, when Mexico first forced the international debt problem to the top of statesmen's agendas by admitting that it could not meet its repayments, the most exposed banks have made substantial provision against bad debts.

Yet psychologically, it remains the bellweather, and the mere prospect of trouble seemed enough last week to galvanise the US Treasury into pressing a $3.5bn bridging loan into its neighbour's hands.

The obvious question is whether this signals the start of a "post-Baker era", or whether we are watching fits of pre-election nerves in Washington. The essence of the Baker Plan of 1985 was that the commercial banks should help major middle-income debtors to grow their way back into solvency, offering new money to those, and only to those, which embraced economic reforms under International Monetary Fund discipline. But neither the IMF nor the World Bank was consulted before this offer was announced. Nor is it the first departure by the US from its own rhetoric about IMF "conditionality".

Before the obvious question can be answered, however, others have to be posed. In the first place, did, and does, the $3.5bn exist? The US Treasury's largesse was more prudently hedged than the fanfare accompanying the announcement suggested. All that was actually promised was that the US was "prepared to develop" a bridging loan, "dependent" on the conclusion by Mexico of loan agreements with the Bank and the Fund. The World Bank is likely to lend Mexico up to $2bn, in line with last year's level of support, but agreement is unlikely for some months. The IMF mission arriving in Mexico City this week will be discussing a relatively small sum to help cushion Mexico's considerable loss of export revenues due to falling oil prices, and the Mexicans are adamant that they have no plans to negotiate a conventional IMF standby loan, the kind stipulated under the Baker Plan.

The offer, it seems, should thus be read as a political statement of US support for Mexico, currently in a dangerously volatile phase as Señor Carlos Salinas de Gortari prepares to take over from President Miguel de Madrid on December 1. It may also have been intended to ensure that no Mexico scare shook Wall Street and the dollar before the US presidential elections on November 8. The money may never be drawn down.

The second question is whether Mexico faced such a serious liquidity crisis that it was imperative to call attention to the existence, even if not the arrival, of the US Cavalry. The Mexicans are certainly worried. Falling oil prices and higher interest rates will between them cost Mexico up to $4bn this year. Its reserves have falled by a third since May, to under $10bn, and capital flight has resumed in anticipation of a devaluation of the peso. This hardly puts it in the position of, for example, Argentina, which is overdue on $1bn of debt payments and has $500m in the reserves. But it jeopardises the incoming government's strategy of growth, after years of austerity and economic liberalisation which have brought inflation under control at heavy social cost.

The potent political opposition has called for radical restructuring of Mexico's $100bn debt. Without growth, domestic pressures to tie Mexico's debt payments to its export earnings could become irresistible. Señor Gustavo Petricioli, the Finance Minister, asked at the WorldBank/IMF annual conference in Berlin last month for fresh commercial loans coupled with "debt reduction". The US move appears to have been designed to avert any such radical, and politically embarrassing, developments.

It would seem to have backfired. It has put the explosive issues of debt and dependence on the US back into the headlines in Mexico. Taunted by the opposition for running to Uncle Sam, initially relieved Mexican officials are now, implausibly, insisting that they never asked for the loan. It may prove, by suggesting that the US puts politics before sustaining agreed strategies on debt, unsettle the markets. The best outcome would be if the transparency of the US Treasury's bluff puts pressure on the next US Administration to review the Baker Plan and consider new long term strategies for resolving, rather than merely containing, the debt crisis.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Doubts on NHS cancer project

From Dr A. W. G. Goolden and others

Sir, We write concerning the recent decision to site a cyclotron at St Thomas' Hospital at a cost, to the National Health Service, of some £6 million. The cyclotron is to be used to produce fast neutrons for the treatment of patients with cancer.

A previous experimental programme of fast neutron therapy was carried out at Hammersmith Hospital. We worked in the radiotherapy department at Hammersmith while these earlier studies were being carried out. We have been able, at close hand, to observe the limitations of such therapy in clinical practice.

Neutron therapy may be advantageous for a very few patients with uncommon tumours, but cannot benefit the vast majority of patients with cancer – those with commons tumours, for example breast cancer, lung cancer or cancers arising from the gastro-intestinal tract.

It is disappointing that the Prime Minister has chosen to ignore her expert advisers and has insisted that a neutron-therapy programme be started at St Thomas', particularly since the Medical Research Council already funds a similar programme at Clatter-bridge Hospital, Merseyside.

The financial constraints within which we are forced to operate seriously affect our ability to provide adequate care for patients with cancer. The decision to waste scant resources on a project of dubious relevance is totally irresponsible.

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Paying for mistakes

From Mr Alan Fisher

Sir, The President of the Institution of Civil Engineers (October 20) misses an important facet of the compensation debate. No profession can expect a great deal of public sympathy if they put forward proposals which would merely transfer the risk of having to pay compensation from the profession itself to the public or the taxpayer at large.

To the man in the street there is still a great attraction in the tort system, namely that the person who makes the mistake is the person who has to pay for it. Any introduction of no-fault compensation will have to be matched by procedures which satisfy the public need to make professionals accountable for their actions.

There is a case for saying that Abeystead was an unforeseeable occurrence, but can the civil engineering profession really be encouraged by the fact that the evidence revealed widespread ignorance of the properties of methane gas amongst its ranks?

We must introduce accountability into the no-fault argument, and acknowledge that consumers have a legitimate right to expect those who make mistakes to answer for them.

Yours faithfully,
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Bridewell Place, EC4.
October 20.

Tate appointment

From Mr Robin Wight

Sir, Bernard Levin (October 17) may well be right to believe that Sir John Burgh would be an excellent chairman of the Tate. But he is not right to believe that the chairman who has in fact been chosen, Dennis Stevenson, will be a Tory "placeman" lacking in "independence of mind coupled with honesty".

His limp imprimatur, "I have no reason to doubt that he will fill the post successfully", in no way absolves Bernard Levin for his unjustified slur.

I do not know Mr Stevenson well enough to comment on his politics, but I would be most surprised to hear that he voted Conservative in the last election. And even if he did, anyone who thinks he is a Tory "placeman" is in for a considerable shock.

Maybe Bernard Levin could remember the normal practice of an art critic, to at least look at the show before he reviews it.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN WIGHT,
20 Argyll Road,
Kensington, W8.
October 18.

Public concern for pursuit of justice

From the Director of Public Prosecutions

Sir, I read with great concern the article entitled "A rage for private justice" (October 19). In it William Greaves claims that the Crown Prosecution Service faces "a crisis of public confidence" and says that

the feeling begins to take hold throughout the country that, when it comes to obtaining justice, if you want it done properly, do it yourself.

Mr Greaves bases his sweeping assertions on five cases in which private prosecutions were brought. Four of these resulted in convictions; the fifth I took over in order to offer no evidence, since the two defendants had already been sentenced for their participation in the incident in question (and had pleaded guilty to charges of affray, not common assault as Mr Greaves wrongly alleges).

The other four cases described by Mr Greaves all began as private prosecutions, although the DPP/CPS later took over the conduct of two of them. In all four cases my predecessor or the CPS had initially decided not to prosecute.

Undoubtedly these cases give rise to legitimate concern, because it can be said – with the invaluable benefit of hindsight – that the initial decision not to prosecute was wrong, since convictions were in fact obtained. But before proceeding to wholesale condemnation of the CPS, as Mr Greaves does, it is only right to put the cases into the context of the 1.6 million prosecutions undertaken by the CPS each year and consider the principles governing the decision to prosecute.

First, it must be appreciated that the CPS does not prosecute in cases where there is only a mere possibility of securing a conviction. If it did so the courts would be far more congested than they already are, a large number of people would face the grim ordeal of a trial (some of them no doubt remanded in custody) before being acquitted, and, most seriously of all, the risks of wrongful convictions would certainly increase – a state of affairs which would rightly be regarded as quite unacceptable.

The CPS prosecutes if two conditions are satisfied – that there is enough evidence to provide a realistic prospect of a conviction and that it is in the public interest to prosecute.

These criteria are easy to state, but far more difficult to apply in certain cases. The prosecutor who has to decide whether there is a realistic prospect of a conviction is faced with many imponderables. Judge, counsel, jury, all are completely unknown quantities, yet the prosecutor must decide what they are likely to make of the case. Very experienced lawyers may differ in their assessments and even where they do agree, events may prove them wrong.

I accept at once that there is no room whatever for complacency, and where the CPS declines to bring proceedings and there is a successful private prosecution, we have to consider very carefully the quality of our decision-making and do all we can to improve it. Mr Greaves's concern is justified, but his alarmist condemnation of the entire Crown Prosecution Service is not.

Yours faithfully,
ALLAN GREEN,
Director of Public Prosecutions,
Crown Prosecution Service,
4-12 Queen Anne's Gate, SW1
October 20.

Belgian justice

From Dr Christopher Vincenzi

Sir, During the discussions in the committee stage of the extradition provisions of the Criminal Justice Act in February of this year, Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, urged the standing committee that we should now be ready to extradite suspected offenders, without any preliminary hearing of the evidence in this country "to those of our Western European neighbours in whose legal systems we have confidence".

You are right to state in your editorial ("Belgian justice", October 19) that we should not dismiss the Belgian legal code as inferior because it is different. But can we have confidence in a system that does not (unlike our own) allow legal aid to non-Belgian nationals?

Not only will this enormously prolong the trial, as defence lawyers get involved elsewhere in fee-earning work, but it is already clear that the cost of copying the mass of documents will be a major problem for the defence. It is even possible that refusal of legal aid to other Community nationals may be in conflict with a 1985 decision of the European Court of Justice.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER VINCENZI,
The Polytechnic,
Department of Law,
Queensgate,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.
October 19.

GCHQ union ban

From Mr Herb Greer

Sir, Michael Meacher is quoted by you (October 19, early editions) as saying:

Mrs Thatcher says that there is a conflict between being a union member and being trusted with national security. The reverse is true.

It is unusual to see a Labour spokesman asserting a conflict between being trusted with national security and being a union member. This interesting point of view was confirmed on a small scale in Manchester, when striking water workers refused to take simple steps which would avoid lead contamination of a district water supply. It was only one example out of many in which union members have placed their own concerns above their public responsibilities.

The point is not that such people are disloyal to the nation. They may be intensely loyal in normal circumstances. But they can and do allow short-term anger, frustration and (sometimes) greed and political hostility to overwhelm that loyalty, with organized and extremely damaging results.

The syndrome goes right back into the Second World War and does, alas, furnish ample rationale for the Government's decision at GCHQ.

Yours,
HERB GREER,
124 Fog Lane,
Didsbury, Manchester.
October 20.

Rouble conversion

From Mrs Nora Beloff

Sir, You are quite right to underline the tremendous economic barriers against making the rouble convertible (leader, October 15). Where, in line with most of our business community and the FCO, you go sadly wrong and put the cart before the horse, is in assuming that the fundamental obstacle is *economic*.

Once the economic difficulties are overcome, you say, the way would be open for the Soviet Union to be integrated into the international community and so acquire "a better basis for political freedom": a progress devoutly to be wished and justifying assistance from the West.

What you forget is that the Soviet rulers hold legally unconstrained power, not by electoral choice, but by the Marxist-Leninist dictum they represent the vanguard of the proletariat; you fail to remember that what you call "the international community" they call "the capitalist world".

Once a currency is convertible, as Mr Lawson would agree, there are the gravest inbuilt restrictions on the freedom of action of any national executive. And that is why convertibility would be incompatible with the continuation of Soviet rule.

It is quite true that Soviet and other East European economists talk a lot of the technical benefits of convertibility: on that subject the politburo encourages a plethora of views. But in practice the rulers, Gorbachov and Ligachev included, show no signs of wanting to relinquish the power which Lenin's democratic centralism vested in the leadership. Nor indeed would they want to be "assisted" by the West in measures which would reduce their own authority.

Sincerely,
NORA BELOFF,
11 Belsize Road, NW6.
October 15.

Monkey business

From Mr Nicholas Green

Sir, A colleague wrote to a famous Knightsbridge store to complain about defective boots. This is the reply she received:

Dear Madam, Thank you for your letter of 6 August 1988. We have checked with the Toy Department who advise us that nothing was found at that period of time. They stock two types of monkeys. One that shakes at £16.99, one wearing dark glasses that walks at £15.99 and a cockroach that moves when hit with a hammer at £15.99. We hope this is of assistance to you and assure you of our best attention at all times. Yours faithfully. . . .

What boots it to complain?

Cordially,
NICHOLAS GREEN,
1 Tennyson Close,
Woodbridge, Suffolk.
October 18.

Modern maths

From Dr P. J. Eccles

Sir, The letter from Emeritus Professor Lawden (October 10) about the teaching of mathematics in universities fails to recognise that new links with computing, operational research, information theory, cryptology, economics and biology have stimulated new thinking in mathematical logic, numerical mathematics, algebra, number theory, combinatorics and statistics.

Much, but not all, of this new mathematics is too advanced to be part of the undergraduate curriculum. However, it does change our perception of what constitutes the core of mathematics and so influences the range of courses on offer.

It is true that many mathematics graduates, like other graduates, do not find subsequent application for much of the content of university courses – about a third of them go into the financial sector. But they have taken time to study one of humanity's supreme achievements at a high level and in the course of this to develop skills in problem-solving and clarity of thinking which are of value in a wide variety of occupations.

At Manchester we pride ourselves on offering a range of courses reflecting the breadth of mathematics today. This includes topology and functional analysis as well as more classical subjects, such as the elliptic functions sought by Professor Lawden, and courses particularly concerned with the applications of mathematics.

The best university teachers find equal challenge in their own research and in seeking ways of bringing the beauties and skills of our enormously rich and expanding mathematical heritage within the reach of students. These two activities are complementary and each is strengthened by the other.

Yorus sincerely,
PETER J. ECCLES,
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The University,
Manchester.
October 17

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VAT on gifts to universities

From Sir John Trelawny

Sir, You reported (October 20) a tax ruling that is going to threaten university sponsorships by the imposition of VAT on the sponsors.

As a consultant currently engaged in the recruitment of a vice-chancellor for one of our universities, I consider this decision counter-productive in view of the Government's wish to encourage industry to contribute to higher education costs.

Our universities have the responsibility for producing graduates of the highest academic standards and this must be their first consideration.

To an increasing extent vice-chancellors are assessed on their abilities to attract funds from industry for research grants and sponsorship.

This decision will further discourage our most brilliant academic leaders from committing their talents in a field where fund-raising starts to take precedence over producing graduates of the quality that the country so badly needs, particularly in the engineering sciences.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN TRELAWNY, Director,
Goddard Kay Rogers and
Associates Ltd,
Old London House,
32 St James's Square, SW1.
October 20.

From Mr T. R. E. Owen

Sir, Your report of October 20 omits to mention a separate problem affecting external support for universities which arises not from the ruling but from the unique VAT status given to universities when the tax was introduced.

Under this, universities are required to charge VAT on outputs like any other business, but cannot reclaim tax on inputs. Thus, VAT-rated items effectively cost universities 15 per cent more than they cost normal business purchasers.

In the case of Government funds this extra cost is covered by a notional increase in the level of funding, but in the case of external sponsorship it passes to the sponsor, irrespective of the present ruling, and can never be reclaimed. This is one of many problems that need attention as the balance of university funding shifts.

Yours faithfully,
T. R. E. OWEN,
101 North Street,
Burwell, Cambridge.
October 21.

Britain and USSR

From the General Director of Keston College

Sir, It is ironical that Mr Victor Orlik's urbane letter should appear in your columns on the very day (October 19) when I should have received my Soviet visa to go to the Lithuanian *perestroika* conference in Vilnius.

Despite receiving an invitation by telegram from the organizers 12 days before the opening of the congress and assurances from the consulate that "this time all would be normal" (following the drama of a last-minute visa granted in June for the Millennium celebrations of the Russian Orthodox Church), my visa was never issued. That is why I am writing this in England on the day the congress opens.

Mr Orlik must ask himself whether this behaviour constitutes a step in the development of "normal, mutually beneficial" relations with Britain and a contribution to the understanding of "the ideas and principles of the 'new thinking' " of which he writes.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BOURDEAUX,
General Director,
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Heathfield Road,
Keston, Kent.
October 21.

Music to the ear

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, In response to Dr Harries's request (October 18) for speculation on a musical interpretation of the various speeches during the recent political conferences I would suggest that Edward Heath's speech would be the best candidate for the supertonic, on the grounds that it was a quite deliberate clash with the tonic, or keynote, of Mrs Thatcher

Mediant would go to Cecil Parkinson because of his ability always to stay in harmony with the tonic, as would also be Geoffrey Howe as sub-mediant, with Kenneth Baker and Douglas Hurd as sub-dominant and dominant respectively because, although they do not go perfectly with the tonic, they are never out of tune with her.

The leading note must surely go to Nigel Lawson, who has come as near as anyone, apart from Heath, to clashing with the tonic, while at the same time showing a dangerous propensity to slip into the tonic position.

Yours faithfully,
SYLVIA DISLEY,
Hampton House,
Upper Sunbury Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.
October 18.

From Mr P. A. Mitchell

Sir, Is not a party whose key is firmly stated more likely to please the ear of the electorate than one whose works appear atonal?

Yours faithfully,
P. A. MITCHELL,
8 Kingston Court,
West Hallam, Derbyshire.
October 18.

Non-nuclear obstacles

From the Secretary General, Peace through Nato

Sir, Bruce Kent (October 18) is far too dismissive of the serious need for further conventional disarmament in Europe, which he suggests should not be made the bugbear of all further progress on nuclear disarmament. Yet it is that conventional imbalance which means that the nuclear threshold appears likely to remain uncomfortably low.

The latest figures issued by the International Institute for Strategic Studies suggest that, thus far, most of President Gorbachov's brave new rhetoric about "defensive defence" has not been backed up by any tangible change in Warsaw Pact conventional military postures. Indeed, as Michael Evans reported in *The Times* (also October 18), Colonel-General Gareev, the Deputy Chief of the Soviet General Staff, stated that the Soviet Union would not adopt a totally defensive military posture until agreement is reached with Nato on conventional disarmament.

Thus, conventional arms control should be a priority for Nato. Such an agreement, especially if coupled with one on chemical weapons, would help to further reduce East-West tensions and would lead to much better prospects for substantive nuclear reductions in the foreseeable future. As Bruce Kent admits, conventional reductions are a prerequisite for genuine and lasting confidence and security in Europe.

Yours faithfully,
KEN ALDRED,
Secretary General,
Peace through Nato,
Oldebourne House,
46-47 Chancery Lane, WC2.
October 20.

Point of appeal

From Mrs Mary Brittain

Sir, Charitable appeals bring mysterious results: horrified by the first of the large-scale floods shown on TV – in the Sudan – I rang the number provided by the BBC and registered a donation on my Access card number. When the account came in it was listed as "Mozambique Appeal". Is it pointless or rash to entrust money to a telephone number?

Yours faithfully,
MARY BRITTAIN,
The Little House, Coach Road,
Great Horkesley,
Colchester, Essex.

State secrets

From Mr D. M. Graham

Sir, Colonel Pares's memorable assertion (October 19) of the over-riding duty to truth and loyalty to the Crown reminds me that, two days after VE Day, in May, 1945, I saw two poker-work maxims on the walls of Hitler's principal military commentator, General-Leutnant Dittmar. He had been taken prisoner a few days before and had asked me to take a letter and a huge sausage to his wife in the city of Meiningen in Thuringia, then occupied by the US Army.

The mottoes were "An oath is an oath" (*Ein Eid ist ein Eid*) and "It's all true: no lies about it" (*Alles ist Wahr, nichts Gelogen*).

We know where those mottoes led the *German* people, and we know the Nuremberg International Court's decision that "superior orders" are no excuse for wickedness. The letter from Jock Kane (October 19) is a warning that the administrative convenience of "an oath is an oath" can carry hidden dangers for us, too.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MAURICE GRAHAM,
9 Vine Road, SW13.
October 19

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 22: The Prince Edward this evening attended the Traverse Theatre Silver Jubilee Ball at the Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, Edinburgh.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

October 23: The Prince Edward this afternoon visited the St Mary's Cathedral Workshop Project, Edinburgh and afterwards attended Evensong in St Mary's Cathedral.

His Royal Highness was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) and the Bishop of Edinburgh (the Right Reverend Richard Holloway).

Captain William McLean was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, attended the Finals of the Eric Twiname Regional Junior Championships at West Kirby Sailing Club, Wirral and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander K. M. Stoddart).

Her Royal Highness, attended by Mrs Andrew Feilden, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

CLARENCE HOUSE

October 22: Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded Miss Jane Walker-Okeover as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 22: The Duke of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening from Morocco.

The Earl of Ulster is 14 today.

The Duke of Gloucester, as chairman of the assessors of the architectural competition to design a new residence for Her Majesty's Ambassador at Moscow, will pay a working visit to Moscow from October 27 to 29.

Birthdays today

Sir Geoffrey Bateman, otolaryngologist, 82; Mr Phil Bennett, rugby player, 40; Signor Luciano Berio, composer, 63; Miss Lesley Bidstrup, industrial medical consultant, 72; Sir John Blelloch, civil servant, 58; Rear-Admiral J.H. Carlill, former secretary, Engineering Council, 63; Mr David Cope, Master, Marlborough College, 44; the Earl of Cromartie, 84; Baroness Dacre, 59; Sir Robin Day, broadcaster, 65; Mr Frank Delaney, broadcaster, 46; Captain T.R. Dunne, Lord Lieutenat for Hereford and Worcester, 55; Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, 79; the Earl of Gainsborough, 65; Mr Peter Gellhorn, conductor, 76; Colonel Sir John Gilmour, former Lord Lieutenant for Fife, 76; Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman and chief executive, Burton Group, 50; Mr Wally Herbert, explorer, 54; Professor Dame Elizabeth Hill, professor of Slavonic studies, 88; Miss Sena Jurinac, opera singer, 67; Sir Terence Morrison-Scott, former director, Science Museum and Natural History Museum, 80; Sir Fred Pontin, founder, Pontin's, 82; Professor W. Lindford Rees, psychiatrist, 74; Sir Robert Sainsbury, joint president, J. Sainsbury, 82; the Marquess of Salisbury, 72; Mr Bill Wyman, guitarist, 52.

Anniversaries

DEATHS: Tycho Brahe, astronomer, Prague, 1601; Alessandro Scarlatti, composer, Naples, 1725; Peter Tchaikovsky, Leningrad, 1893; Pierre Puvis de Chavanne, mural painter, Paris, 1898; Vidkun Quisling, Norwegian traitor, executed, Oslo, 1945; Susan Lawrence, Labour minister, 1929, London, 1947:

Cuba was blockaded by the US after missile sites had been observed there, 1962.

Philip Goodrich

Punishment in a caring society

For years, members of the Church of England prayed each Sunday that those in authority might "truly and indifferently minister justice to the punishment of wickedness and vice".

It may, therefore, come as a shock that a working party chaired by Mrs Virginia Bottomley, MP, and sponsored by the Church of England's Children's Society, should recommend, in its report published last week, that the courts should no longer sentence juveniles to Prison Department custody.

That implies the abolition of detention centres and youth custody centres. (Incidentally, juveniles are those aged from 10 to 17, children are those from 10 to 14, and young persons, who may be given penal custody, are those from 14 to 16).

In place of penal custody for juveniles the report commends a continuum of responses including police caution, discharges, fines, supervision orders and various levels of community programmes. Juveniles should only be removed from the community if they have committed offences so grave in themselves that they would, if adults, be given a life sentence. By the 1986 figures, this recommendation, if accepted, would keep 4,000 juveniles out of custody.

Why would that be a good thing? The answer is because custody is so ineffective for this age group. Between 70 and 80 per cent of those who have been in detention centres have re-offended. To see juveniles, sometimes five or six to a room in a remand prison, is to realize that if they do not know the tricks of the trade when they go in, they do by the time they come out.

Custodial institutions for the young can be universities of crime. On the other hand, where alternatives to penal custody have been provided — Basingstoke and Northampton spring to mind — the crime rate among juveniles has gone down.

Is punishment out and are treatment and welfare in? Is there no place in a caring, dare one say, a Christian society, for punishment?

On the biblical evidence the answer has to be yes. In the Hebrew concept of parenthood, punishment had a well established place. To spoil a child was not to love him. If you spared the rod you left your child to be a victim of his own uncoordinated and wayward desires. As father of the nation of Israel, God's punishments were especially applied to His people because He loved them. "For you alone have I cared among all the nations of the world; therefore I will punish you" (Amos, 3, 2).

With this concept in mind, the law, with its punishments and rewards was to be "health to thy navel and marrow to thy bones". The Old Testament, however, ends with the profound insight that God suffers with His people and for His people. By this "at onement" with them He saves them and rehabilitates them.

The New Testament is pre-occupied, not with punishments and rewards, but with a love, seen in the face of Jesus Christ which forgives and loves the loveless. By this, people are brought to set a new value on themselves. They can undergo a change of direction and alter the habits of a lifetime.

Christianity does not dream of a world where all win and all receive prizes. It has always taught that society, as well as individuals, has rights. Society has the right to impose sanctions in order to protect its own corporately held values. Fail to punish the offender and you could soon begin to sit lightly to the offence. A distinguished judge has said: "No society can do without intolerance, indignation and disgust". He makes his point by exaggeration. Nevertheless, a world without punishment is a morally enervating world. What is more, the law not only corrects misdemeanours, it also sets a norm for the lifestyle of both individuals and communities.

Punishment can have positive value. It can be nurturing. Let it be said, however, that we walk on a knife-edge. Mere moral indignation is not enough. We need to inquire dispassionately into the causes of crime. The criminal certainly preys on society, but society has had a large share in producing the criminal. Merely to demand that juvenile offenders be locked up is to fall back on "the rotten line of least resistance".

In short, punishment must not only fit the crime, it must fit the criminal. If he is a juvenile the aim must be to reintegrate him into the community against which he has offended, and where ultimately he must learn to live. Penal custody of young people, and we are talking about those under 17, leads to broken links with family, friends; education, work and leisure, and causes stigmatization and labelling.

If, into the bargain, it causes the young person to join the club of re-offenders, then it does not even protect society.

Community programmes, intermediate treatment or intensive supervision, as set up by the church in the Worcester diocese in cooperation with the local authority and with the goodwill of the police, are no mere soft options. They are designed to be a response to juvenile delinquency which is understood and accepted by the young person. Punishment which is not understood or accepted merely makes offenders worse, causing them to be embittered and vengeful towards the society in which they live.

A caring society cannot banish punishment. It would want, however, to make it more effective in reforming the offender, always remembering, if we are Christian believers, that we all stand under judgment in the last resort. How a society treats its offenders is an indication of how it values people. Inertia always has to be overcome because it is too easy merely to say: "Send them down". There is more involved in the maintenance of social morality than that. The Children's Society does well to be in the vanguard of the task.

The writer is Bishop of Worcester.

● *Penal Custody for Juveniles; The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London, WC1X OJL.*

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.G.T. McCarthy and Miss E.C. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Shane, only son of Mr and Mrs G. McCarthy, of Glenard House, Co Claire, Eire, and Emma, only daughter of Mr M.J.C. Taylor, of Little Chester Street, London, and Lady St Johnston, of Drayton Gardens, London.

Mr C.H.S. Atha and Miss J.J. Sanderson
The engagement is announced between Charles Anthony Stewart, son of Mr and Mrs Tony Atha, of Saltburn-by-the-Sea, Cleveland, and Julia Jane, younger daughter of Mr John Sanderson, of Folkstone, Kent, and Mrs Robin Kerr, of Stokesley, North Yorkshire.

Mr A. Beler and Miss P.J. Hames
The engagement is announced between Alpay Beler, son of Altay and Umran Beler, of Stoke Newington, London, and Philippa Jane, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Peter Hames, of Chiswick, London.

Mr A.H. Berger and Miss N.A. Dawson
The engagement is announced between Antony Hugo, second son of Mr and Mrs M.D. Berger, of Woodrising, Burwash, East Sussex, and Nicola Anne, younger daughter of Major and Mrs P.R. Dawson, of Yelverton, Fleet, Hampshire and Achadhluachraich, Invergarry.

Mr R.M. Boyd and Miss L.C. Ryde
The engagement is announced between Richard, second son of the late Mr Martin Boyd and of Mrs Barbara Boyd, of Combe-in-Teignhead, Devon, and Lisa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Ryde, of Chidden, Hambledon, Hampshire.

Mr N.H. Coates and Miss G.A. Stredwick
The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs E.B.S. Coates, of Startforth, near Barnard Castle, Co Durham, and Gillian, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.S. Stredwick, of Durleigh, Bridgwater, Somerset.

Mr N.H.J. Jones and Miss M. Ellis
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Jones, of Henley-on-Thames and London, SW7, and Maria, second daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Ellis, of London, N19.

Mr S.J. Kildahl and Miss J.E. Carver
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mrs D. Kildahl and the late W.St J. Kildahl, of Chislehurst, Kent, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.K. Carver, of Corfe Mullen, Dorset.

Mr J.K. Laidlaw and Miss D.A. Kempson
The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Mr and Mrs D. Laidlaw, of Alloway, Ayr, Scotland, and Deborah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Kempson, of Loughton, Essex.

Mr P.N. Neilson and Miss H.M. Bateman
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Neilson, of Privett, Hampshire, and Henrietta, daughter of Mrs Margaret Bateman and stepdaughter of the late Mr Jack Bateman, of Wickhambreaux, Kent.

Mr G.D. Reynolds and Miss L.R.H. Macdonald
The engagement is announced between Glen David, son of Mr and Mrs E.D. Reynolds, of Clayhall, Ilford, Essex, and Lucinda Rosemary Howard, daughter of Dr D. D. Macdonald, of Deer Lake, Newfoundland, and of Mrs R.A. Macdonald, of Tite Street, Chelsea, London.

Mr W.J. Selka and Miss E.M.C. Hilliard
The engagement is announced between William John, elder son of Mr and Mrs S.M. Selka, of Ash Cottage, Thurstonland, West Yorkshire, and Elizabeth Margaret Christian, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.G.N. Hilliard, of Bank Farm House, Forest Row, Sussex.

Mr R.C.D. Spiers and Miss S.J. Osborne-King
The engagement is announced between Ronald Campbell Donaldson, second son of Dr and Mrs A.S.D. Spiers, of Richmond, Surrey, and Sarah-Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.J. Osborne-King, of Purley, Surrey.

Mr S.D. Wall and Miss M. Tapal
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. Wall, of Oadby, Leicestershire, and Monique, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Tapal, of Old Coulsdon, Surrey.

Mr P.H. Weaver and Miss S.C. Bergqvist
The engagement is announced between Philip Hugh, son of Major and Mrs Leonard Weaver, of Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire, and Sophia Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Bergqvist, of Ford, Buckinghamshire and Quinta de la Rosa, Portugal.

Mr E. Wen and Miss L. Barder
The engagement is announced between Eric, son of Mr Adam Wen, of Canton, and of Mrs Mimi Sapiro, of Los Angeles, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Barder, of the British High Commission, Lagos, and London.

Memorial services

Dr William Evans
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Williams Evans was held on Saturday at St Caron's Church, Tregaron, Dyfed. The Rev Edward J. Lewis officiated. Dr Hugh Herbert and Dr Ebban Roderic Evans read the lessons. Professor Michael Floyer gave an address.

Mr Gregory R. Houghton
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Gregory R. Houghton was held on Saturday in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. The Very Rev E.W. Heaton, Dean of Christ Church, officiated. Mr Marc Houghton, son, read the lesson and Professor R.B. Duthie gave an address.

Professor Michael Crowder
A memorial service for Professor Michael Crowder was held on Saturday at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square. The Rev Nicholas Darby officiated. Professor Lalage Bown read *Breath* by Birago Diop and Mrs Diana Franklin read a sonnet by William Shakespeare. Professor J.F. Ade Ajayi gave an address.

Ticket holders for the memorial service for Major General Sir Allan Adair, Bt, are requested to take their seats in the Guards Chapel by 11.45am.

Service dinners

The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)
Officers of the former 4th Battalion, The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire), held their annual dinner at Fulwood Barracks, Preston, on Saturday. Lieutenant-Colonel R.R. Rainford presided.

Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Services)
Brigadier R.J.N. Kelly presided at the annual reunion dinner of Officers of the Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Services) held on Saturday at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. The principal guests included General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, Mr Nick Nelson and Oberstleutenent Trost.

Naval 8/208 Squadron Association
Dame Jean Bromet was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Naval 8/208 Squadron Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club. Group Captain B.C. Laite presided.

The Royal Marines Reserve
Colonel R.A. Mactaggart, Colonel of the Royal Marines Reserve, presided at a dinner held on Saturday, October 22, at Stationers' Hall, Ava Maria Lane, London, to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Royal Marines Reserve. The guests included:
Lieutenant-General Sir Martin Garrod, KCB, CBE (Commandant General of the Royal Marines), Major General H Y La R Beverley, OBE, Major General R.J. Ross, OBE, the Reverend Basil Watson, OBE, and the Master and Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit the Animal Health Trust at Balaton Lodge, Snailwell Road, Newmarket, at 10.20; and will open The Mount, a youth custody centre at Bovingdon, Hertfordshire, at 2.40.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Council of Europe conference "Heritage and Successful Town Regeneration" at the North Bridge Leisure Centre, Halifax, at 4.20.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the "Women of the Year" luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent will attend the charity preview of *Brigadoon* at Victoria Palace Theatre at 7.20 in aid of the Paul O'Gorman Foundation for Children with Leukaemia and the Park Lane Group.

Dinners

Old Oakhamian Club
Mr L. Wilson, President of the Old Oakhamian Club, presided at the centenary dinner held on Saturday at Oakham School, Rutland. Mr Graham Smallbone, headmaster, was the guest of honour.

Old Kelleian Club
Mr C.H. Hirst, Headmaster of Kelly College, presided at the annual dinner of the Old Kelleian Club held on Saturday at the college.

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Nature notes



In the South, song-thrushes have taken up their winter territories and are singing again, a little earlier than last year. They will fall silent if the weather turns severe, and resume in early spring; but they sang through last winter without a break.

Most of the summer visitors have now gone, but a few swallows can still be seen, sometimes making their way along a river, usually alone.

Many winter visitors are coming in from the continent and crossing the country, but as they fly at night, or quite high, they are not often seen.

Two birds that draw attention to themselves overhead by their calls are skylarks, with a liquid chirrup, and redpolls, which are mainly coming down from Scotland, with a harsh note like stones locked together. Many black-headed gulls have arrived from Eastern Europe; on a playing field at a distance they look like a dotted white line, with the dots wider apart at the ends.

Plane trees have a multi-coloured look; oak trees are changing colour less dramatically, their leaves withering and turning a greyish brown. Turkey oaks are more golden-brown. There is plenty of ragwort still in flower.

DJM

OBITUARIES

HARRY CRESWICK

Unique record of librarianship at Oxford and Cambridge

Harry Creswick, who died on October 14 at the age of 86, had been Librarian successively of the Bodleian Library, Oxford and the University Library, Cambridge. As a shrewd buyer he had been responsible for many important acquisitions of manuscripts and printed books.

Harry Richardson Creswick was born in 1902 and was educated at Barnet Grammar School and Trinity College, Cambridge. During his undergraduate days his interest in old books was stimulated by meetings with Francis Jenkinson and though for a time after graduation he took up the career as a stockbroker in the City, for which he was originally destined, in 1926 he returned to Cambridge as assistant under-librarian in charge of early printed books at the University Library.

He quickly developed a retentive memory for fifteenth century typefaces and made a start on the long awaited catalogue of the Library's incunabula. He also proved a very shrewd buyer, whether of manuscripts or of printed books, and many of the Library's most important accessions at this period were secured by his initiative.

He was elected Sandars Reader in Bibliography in 1939.

Creswick's participation in the removal of the University Library to its new building in 1934 brought him additional experience and when in 1939 Oxford, faced with a similar removal, created the post of Deputy Librarian with responsibility for conditions of employment and surveillance of the fabric, he was chosen to fill it. "The staff problems of wartime," wrote Sir Edmund Craster, "could not have been solved without him." He succeeded Craster as Bodley's Librarian in 1945 but resigned two years later, a decision made easier by the inheritance of ample private means.

A valedictory editorial in the *Oxford Magazine* paid tribute to his success in making "many improvements in the arrangements of the Library and ameliorations in the lot of its readers"; he will be remembered also as one who worked tirelessly to raise the status and emoluments of its staff.

Retirement at 45 was, however, unsuited to one of his active temperament. In 1947 when the post-war expansion of the university was beginning to make growing demands, he returned to Cambridge as Secretary of the University Library and on the retirement of A.F. Scholfield two years later, was elected Librarian. He showed great resource in devising more accommodation both for books and for readers and in securing additional staff to cope with the growing influx of accessions.

Creswick put in hand the catalogue of various accumulations of uncatalogued books and obtained from the university sizable grants for filling gaps in the older collections. His energetic direction was seen also in the Library's peripheral departments — in the enlargement of the kitchen, the bindery and the printer's, photographer's and carpenter's shops.

Notable among the accessions during his regime were several collections of historical and political papers including the Baldwin, Crewe and Hardinge archives, the last of which was presented by the Pilgrim Trust at Creswick's instigation. He retired in 1967.

Creswick's unique record of holding the librarianship at both universities is the more remarkable since he was in many respects a highly unorthodox librarian.

He had less than most librarians' share of capacity for the patient long-term planning and sustained application which the charge of a great library demands; his reluctance to delegate authority was apt to dissipate his talents in time-consuming *minutiae*; his mind moved tangentially and with an ingenuity which at times clouded relatively simple issues.

These weaknesses occasionally obscured very real merits — his genius for improvisation, his boundless energy, his willingness to accept new ideas and the fertility with which he put forth new ideas himself.

His mercurial administration certainly produced stresses, but these were mitigated by his very considerable personal charm. He performed to perfection the social duties of the head of a great institution, whether dispensing champagne to the Grolier Club in the Old Schools or giving a dinner-party in Jesus College (of which he was a Professorial Fellow) for a Sandars Reader. He was equally a delightful and accomplished host under his own roof at Conington Hall, where the quiet good humour and good sense of his wife, Agnes, proved the perfect complement to his own more ebullient nature.

He enjoyed country pleasures, in particular the growing of daffodils, of which he was for many years a successful exhibitor. He was knowledgeable about Edward Fitzgerald, and about Madame de Sévigné and her circle, and owned a small but choice collection of incunabula.

His wife died in 1982.

ROYCE WHALE

Passionate champion of author rights

Royce Whale, who was an expert in the complex field of copyright, died on October 14 at the age of 84.

Royce Frederick Whale was born in Hampstead on June 17, 1904 and, on leaving school at 16, worked in book publishing before volunteering for Army service in 1939.

After the war he joined the Performing Right Society in a secretarial position and subsequently became general manager. He retired in 1969.

It was during his time at the Performing Right Society that his interest in and concern for copyright developed. He was instrumental in establishing the British Copyright Council in its present form in 1965 and in recognition of his services to the copyright cause, the Council appointed him President of Honour in 1969.

Whale viewed copyright as an author's right, in the Continental sense, rather than the property right which it has traditionally been in the United Kingdom. This led to his passionate championing of creators' interests both at home and abroad. He represented the Society for many years in an international grouping of authors' and musical collecting societies.

Whale was the author in 1971 of a book on copyright which, reflecting his deep concern and wide experience, succeeded in its aim of guiding laymen through a notoriously complex legal maze.

His shy and retiring exterior concealed a warm and generous nature and his clear vision and sharp intelligence will be missed in a field where human creativity is increasingly threatened by technological advance.

Whale's wife predeceased him. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

FR JOHN MILBURN

Churchman of style

The Rev John Milburn, who died on October 12, was Chaplain-General of the Society of Mary, the Anglo-Catholic devotional society, from 1971 to 1985, making it very much his own and giving it a sense of purpose and a high public profile.

Milburn, who was born in Co Durham, was ordained deacon in 1940 in the parish of St Saviour's, Hoxton, in east London, which then had the reputation of being the highest church in England where most of the services were in Latin.

He spent the war years teaching English in the East End, was curate at St Swithun's, Worcester, from 1946 to 1949 and spent the next four years caring for the terminally ill at the Hostel of God, Clapham Common. He returned to the parochial ministry in 1953 as vicar of St Stephen's, Grove Street, Liverpool.

In 1964 Milburn went to the handsome church of St Paul, in West Street, Brighton, with its distinctive tower and wooden lantern and reputation for Anglo-Catholicism. In his time the church was refurbished, using antique furnishings brought in from elsewhere.

Milburn never denied that his heart lay in earlier periods of church history and in the 1960s and 1970s he regularly travelled on the Continent to rescue unwanted vestments and church furnishings of the baroque period, keeping the best pieces to enrich his own collection and selling off the residue to finance further expeditions.

Milburn was an hospitable and stylish host, receiving his guests with old-world courtesy in his richly-furnished rooms and using fine porcelain, glass, silver and lace.

JOHN WILLIS

Journalists' leader

John Willis, President of the Institute of Journalists, died suddenly on October 22 at the age of 51.

Willis, who became president last February of the oldest organization in the world representing journalists, was chief photographer of the *Darlington and Stockton Times*. He was only the second photographer to become president in the 104-year-old history of the Institute.

Only a week ago he had presided over its annual conference in Guernsey, which he and his wife, Pamela, had organized.

A staunch spokesman for the interests of newspaper photographers in particular, Willis was also concerned for the welfare of retired journalists and was chairman of the Institute's pensions committee on behalf of which he exerted for many years his abilities as a fund raiser.

Marriages

Mr W.R. Roberts and Miss C.H. Cocks
The marriage took place on Saturday at Chelsea Old Church of Mr Walter Roberts, younger son of the late Colonel Sir Thomas Roberts and of Margaret Lady Roberts, of London, SW7, to Miss Caroline Cocks, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Cocks, of Great Hallingbury, near Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Michelle Beddall. Mr Adrian Charman was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bridegroom's mother and the honeymoon will be spent in Thailand.

Mr M.J. Hale and Miss S.M.L. Yeoman
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary Abbots, Kensington, of Mr Matthew Hale, elder son of Professor Sir John Hale, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and of Mrs Rosalind Dale-Harris, of London, W11, to Miss Sophia Yeoman, only daughter of Major Stephen Yeoman, of Brasted Chart, Kent, and of Mrs Charmian Sisley, of Sandhurst, Kent. The Rev Ian Robson officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father was attended by Poppy Lloyd, Harry Lloyd, Tarquin Close, Mrs Jancy Harrison, Miss Deborah Patterson and Miss Paula Leaver. Mr Nicholas Law was best man.

Mr N.M. Jordan and Miss M.J.A. Scott
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of Keble College, Oxford, of Mr Nicholas Jordan, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Jordan, of Ealing, to Miss Maria Scott, younger daughter of Sir Peter and Lady Scott, of Irstead, Norfolk. The Rev Dr D.G. Rowell officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Stephanie Jane Foxwell and Hester Beatrice Finch. Mr Stephen Marriott was best man.

A reception was held at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, and the honeymoon will be spent in Mauritius.

Mr J.G. Barrett and Miss M. Lawton
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 22, 1988, at the Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist, Salford, between Mr John Gowran Barrett and Miss Marie Lawton.

The honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Mr A.H. Daniell and Miss S.L. Hunter Jones
The marriage took place on October 8, at St Mary's Church, Langham, of Mr Anthony Daniell and Miss Sarah Hunter Jones.

Mr C.J. Dean and Miss A.F. Fane
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 15, at St Mary's Church, Kintbury, of Mr Christopher Dean, son of Mr and Mrs John Dean, of Battersea, London, and Miss Alexandra Fane, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Julian Fane, of Kintbury, Berkshire. The Rev Martin Gilliham officiated.

The bride was attended by Miss Oonagh Rees-Davies, Miss Kate Robinson, Kristen Wood, Kate Zalk, Harry Zalk and Nicholas Harper. Mr Rupert Skrine was best man.

Mr G.A.D. Hamilton and Miss E.M.A. Jarvis
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 15, at St Wilfred's Church, Cotton, Staffordshire, of Mr Giles Hamilton, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Hamilton, of Salehurst, East Sussex, to Miss Fiona Jarvis, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Edmund Jarvis, of Snelsdon, Derbyshire. Canon Mooney officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Victoria Jarvis, Gemma Hirst, Elen Griffith, Katharine Dewar and Harry Sevier. Mr Matthew Brown was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr T. Orchard and Miss M.L. Lesser
The marriage took place on Friday, October 21, at Brompton Oratory, of Mr Timothy Orchard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Orchard, of Little Hallingbury, Essex, and Miss Maria Isabel Lesser, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Lesser, of West Woodhay, Berkshire. Dom Antony Sutch officiated and Dom Stephen Ortiger gave the address.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Asia Mackay, the Hon Brooke Mackay, Hattie and James Schlesinger, Sophie Elmhirst, Natasha Nicholson and Raimundo Julia. Mr Ian Williams was best man.

A reception was held at the Hyde Park Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr H.J.F. Weston Smith and Mlle G.M.E. Mousson
The marriage took place on September 3, at St Malo, France, between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs John Weston Smith, and Gaëlle, daughter of M and Mme Bernard Mousson, of Paris.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Let me that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
Ephesians 4:28

BIRTHS

BRETTMEYER. On October 20th, to Diana (née Wrigley) and Hugo, a daughter.

DICKENS - On September 2nd to Julia and Paul, a daughter, Abigail Joanna, a sister for Jeremy, Kate and Rebecca.

GILLESPIE On October 7th to Patricia (née Valente) and Timothy a daughter Claire Helen, a sister for John and Nicholas.

HUGHES - On October 14th, 1988 at Roehampton, to Christian (née Sales) and David, a daughter, Holly Iris, a sister for Alexander, Ben and Alice.

RUSSELL - On October 20th, at Stamford Hospital to Rosie (née Birkbeck) and Iain, a son Oliver George Seckham.

SCHOFIELD - On October 21st, at HK Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong, to Dene (née Stratton) and Stephen, a son, Max Henry Stratton, brother for Alexandra and Briony.

SETHIA - On October 21st to Rosie (née Alden) and Krishna, a son George Krishna, a brother for Alexandra.

STAVELEY. On October 20th, to Nicky (née Cornell) and Richard, a daughter Miranda, a sister for Imogen and Amelia.

SURRIDGE - On October 18th, to Sally (née Stockwell) and Stuart, a daughter Sophie, a sister for Kate.

SVENSON On October 21st 1988 to Anna (née Steele) and Ingvar a son (Oliver William) - a brother for Charlotte.

WILSON DYER GOUGH On October 17th at The Garden Hospital to Julie (Née Thompson) and Neal a daughter Avarina.

YEOH - On October 20th, to Ivy (née Sng) and Robin, a son, Rupert Peng Juin a brother for Felicity.

BIRTHDAYS

ALISON LEDDINGTON. Happy 21st birthday sweetie, with love, Mama, Papa and Astor.

VINCENT Rum, welcome to the land of the living. Happy Birthday. Love always, John.

MARRIAGES

LEGGEY:PETTICAN - On October 22nd 1988, at Chelsea in London, John Richard Leggey to Viva Pettican.

DEATHS

GARDIEW - On Friday October 21st at Ham Green Hospital, Pleasaunce Anne aged 80 deeply loved wife of Peter, mother of Anne, Jill and Vanessa and a much loved grandmother. Funeral at Holy Trinity Church, Cleeve on Wednesday October 26th at 12 noon followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Royal National Lifeboat Institution, West Key Road, Poole, Dorset.

COLLINS - On October 19th, at home after a long illness, Henry Mitchell Collins O.B.E. aged 68. Husband of Pat and father of Anne, Christopher and Stephen. The service is at Beckenham Crematorium, Kent on Thursday October 27th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only by request. Donations if desired to Cancer Research. Enquiries to Francis Chappell. Tel: (0689) 75116.

COX - On October 20th, peacefully at home in Bromley, in his 85th year. Reverend William Harold Cox H.C.F., M.A., B.D., loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral service at Bromley Baptist Church on Friday October 28th at 2pm.

DOWLING On October 13th 1988 peacefully in her sleep Dear Gertrude, aged 87. At Alveston Leys Nursing Home, Stratford Upon Avon. Lately of, 67, The Crescent, Westbury On Trym, Bristol. Much loved mother of the three, Roger, Margery, and Christopher. Donations to Missions to Seamen. The funeral has taken place.

GODDING - On October 21st 1988 at his home in Bournemouth after a long illness, Edmund Walter. Private cremation on Wednesday October 26th, 1988. Please no flowers, but donations if desired to the Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

GORE - On Thursday 20th October in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Ivor Thomas Woosnam, aged 68 of Radley Farm, Hungerford. Sadly missed by his wife Hilda, his children Alison and Trevor and his grandchildren Joshua and Oscar. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held at St Lawrence's Church Hungerford on Saturday 29th October at 10.30am. Donations in his memory may be made payable to Brading and Cryer, High Street, Hungerford for the Dialysis Unit at Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

GOUGH - On October 19th 1988, Brigadier Guy Frances D.S.O., M.C., late Royal Irish Fusiliers, of Glyndert, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Amber and Hugo. Also well loved grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral at St Michael's Church, Brecon, on Tuesday 25th October at 2.30pm. No flowers please. Donations if so desired to Bronllys Hospital, c/o Peter Evans, Funeral Director, Brookfield, Groesffordd, Brecon.

HARVEY. On October 19th, 1988, suddenly, Douglas Wilson, dental practitioner aged 77 years. Devoted husband of Diana and loving father of Ian, Peter and Timothy. Funeral Service Thursday October 27th at 3.30pm at St James Church, Bridham, West Sussex. Family flowers only please, but if desired, donations to St Richard's Hospital Scanner Appeal, Chichester, West Sussex.

HARWOOD. On October 21st, at Barton-On-Sea, Gwen M. in her 95rd year. Very dear sister of Gerald and a beloved sister-in-law, aunt and great aunt of a devoted family. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Thursday October 27th at 12.50pm, family flowers only, donations if desired to the Royal National Institute For The Blind, C/o Moodys F/D, 89 Old Milton Rd, New Milton, Hants.

HENDRIE - On Friday October 14th in Toronto, Ontario, George Campbell (Honorary President of the Ontario Jockey Club), beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (Betty) Olmsted, son of the late William Brown Hendrie and Elizabeth Ann (Lily) of Hamilton, Ontario. Father of George M. and Anthony O. Grandfather of George, Geoffrey, Jane Eastmure, Rachel and Susie Hendrie and great grandfather of Brannan Eastmure and Jean Hendrie. Brother of Lady Mary Cumming, O.B.E. of London, England and the late William Brown Hendrie. Funeral held from Christ Church, Deer Park, Toronto on Tuesday, October 18th. Interment in Hamilton Cemetery.

KILCOURSE. On October 21st 1988, Dom Lawrence O.S.B. Monk of Ampleforth. Funeral at noon on Wednesday October 26th at Ampleforth Abbey.

LYNCH - On October 19th 1988, peacefully at St Peters Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey, after a short illness, Eileen Mildred of Weybridge, Surrey, formerly of Eccles, Lancashire, beloved wife of the late Ronald and cherished mother of Sean. Funeral at St Johns Crematorium, Woking on Thursday 27th October at 3pm. Enquiries to F. Chitty and Co., 45 Elm Grove Road, Weybridge Surrey. Tel 0932-842220.

MARSH - On October 20th 1988 Peter Marsh BSc, PhD, aged 28, dearly loved son of Enid and John. At his home in Hertford after a long courageous struggle against Cancer. His study Zoology at London and Edinburgh Universities. In remembrance if desired please plant and conserve trees.

McDOUGALL - On October 20th, Henrietta Ann, aged 84, at Frinton-on-Sea, late of 78 Widmore Road, Bromley. Widow of Percy Stewart McDougall, sister of Lily Hughes, 17 Rochford Way, Walton-on-Naze. Donations if desired to Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London.

PENDRY - On October 20th, George Pendry widower of Pauline, father of Susan, Nicholas and Anna, peacefully at the Middlesex Hospital. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey on Thursday October 27th at 3pm. Flowers to James and Thomas Ltd, Cedars Yard, Mill Road, Cobham, Surrey.

SHERWOOD (née Smith) - On October 19th, 1988, at The National Hospital, Queen Square, London, Marion Cecilia, aged 73 years, much loved mother and grandmother, friend and colleague. Funeral Service at St Johns, Tisbury, on Friday October 28th, at 11.30am. Memorial Service at the National Hospital, on date to be announced. No flowers please. Donations if wished to Brain Research Trust, National Hospital, Queen Square.

WALKER - On Thursday October 20th 1988 at The Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, Thomas W. C.B.E. (formerly Treasurer and General Manager and Director of the Bank of Scotland and Deputy Governor of The British Linen Bank) beloved husband of the late Marian Erskine of Ballyquillan, Cromlin, Co. Antrim, a loving brother and a caring friend. Service at Barclay Church, Bruntsfield, Edinburgh on Tuesday October 25th 1988 at 11.45am - private committal service thereafter. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund For Children.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PERRIN - Sir Michael. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Sir Michael Perrin C.B.E., will be held in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, London, on Wednesday November 30th, at 11.30 am.

IN MEMORIAM - WAR

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IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BERTON - Geoffrey and Bridget, died tragically in 1984. Were and are very loved and missed by us all.

STEIN, P.P.R. - Peter, died October 24th 1971: dearly loved son of Sarah (Kitty) and the late Leonard Stein and brother of Richard.

WILCOX - Donald, Died 24.10.81. remembered with love every day Elizabeth.

ADOPTIONS

REES-WILTSHIRE. On October 17th 1988, Edward and Kathleen are delighted to announce the adoption of a son, Thomas Michael. Thanks to family and friends for love and support.

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MONDAY PAGE

The mirror on the wall

This week a new list of Britain's greatest beauties is published. Libby Purves ponders who are the fairest of them all — and why

ANGUS McBEAN



Rosanne Blair, Oxford undergraduate: one of our top 50 beauties, according to this week's *Harpers and Queen*

For something that is only skin deep, personal beauty takes up a lot of attention and verbiage. Since we no longer seem to have poets willing to sing the praises of beautiful women and claim in flawless iambics to have been slain, pierced, bound generally disabled by the turn of a cheekbone or the tossing of a tress, the task of eulogy has fallen elsewhere. While modern poets concentrate sternly on membranes, sociology, and nuclear weapons, the simple-hearted praise of beautiful women is now the job of fashionable photographers and glossy magazines.

They do it with enthusiasm and daunting frequency. A few years ago Lichfield produced his book of world beauties — Hepburn, Ekland, Joan Collins, nothing too controversial. More recently Norman Parkinson presented his lot, garnered over 50 years. Then this autumn David Bailey photographed fifty "Modern British Beauties" for *Elle* magazine — Bailey's girls do rather tend to turn out in the gorgeous-pouting mode rather than the classically cool — and this week *Harpers and Queen* in turn presents its own national collection of beauties, with a torrent of enthusiastic wordage and a set of chic pics.

Lambent eyes, translucent skin, heart-shaped faces, aquamarine eyes, marmoreal necks and all the other dear old clichés are alive and breathing heavily in *Harpers*; accompanied by more modish descriptions like that of Caroline Cholmondely's bare brown knees which "have the charming air of being scuffed while being quite unscarred", and Susannah Chancellor's uncanny — but fetching — resemblance to her pet whippet.

There are clearly different ways to classify these modern British beauties: the two magazines diverge widely. All but one of *Elle's* gels were in showbiz of some kind — actresses, singers, models, TV presenters, or sullen teenagers hoping to become all four — and being public types, they tended to pass on unnerving tips like greasing yourself daily all over with Vaseline (Mandy Smith), using a "bust massage appliance" (Emer Gillespie) or supping a nice hot glass of water last thing at night (Selina Scott).

Harpers and Queen is more upmarket in its tastes, with Candia McWilliam gracefully eulogizing the sexless, greenish-blonde, "medieval-looking, narrow-hipped" types who are "pleasingly androgynous enough as well to become a gravestone as a chaise-longue". There may, conceivably, be nurses and primary-school teachers who would look good on gravestones too, but the ones in *Harpers* are all serious front-rank socialites: many are well struck in years, and many more are married or related to the sort of chap who is more than able to keep them in skin-food and bust massagers without their having to unbend enough to mention the fact in print.

Their names are Nathalie and Jacquetta, Fitzgibbon or Roper-Curzon; their occupations, if they have them, are as painters or designers or jolly good hostesses, or else just floating around being a dead ringer for a Bellini madonna while Nanny does the ironing. After the gamine, democratic Sixties and Seventies, it seems that it has become socially OK again to be a great Beauty and nothing much else: it fits in with the new fashionable pride in inherited wealth and privilege (who bothers to be a Cockney, now, or brag of coal in the bath?).

But McWilliam makes a serious point: that apart from these nice-looking women who fill magazines, there occasionally emerges a face which is independent of fashion, of style, of grooming and of personal taste: a face so beautiful that "it freezes and overheats a room. It focuses even dull eyes. It restimulates the jaded, and makes the wicked and the cowardly want to be good and brave". True. I had a flatmate once so beautiful that even when she sat hung-over and hunched with a marmalade sandwich in our sordid little kitchen, I could sit peacefully opposite her and just gaze and gaze at the planes of her face, the sliding blue shadow of her chin upon her neck, the fall of her dank golden hair. It was like looking at a cornfield, or a Hebridean island.

This girl was, in many ways, a disaster; but when her face was in repose (which it usually was: she was no dynamo) it was a thing to thank God for: a piece of natural perfection. She became a rich man's wife; but the interesting thing was that her sister — with very similar beauty — scraped back her hair, studied medicine and is presumably even now stopping hearts in some provincial out-patients' clinic.

It has probably been thus all down the centuries. When Roy Strong put on his Masque of Beauty exhibition at the V & A, exploring the perception of beauty in history from the marbly classical look to the fluttering curvy romantic, and from Elizabeth I to Antonia Fraser, all he had to work with was portraits: and portraits are only the record of the privileged few.

It is also true that the privileged have always had the food, the cosmetics, and the leisure to keep their skin alabaster and their hair glowing: as the magazine pictures prove, with enough Vaseline, bust-massage and burning vanity even an ordinarily attractive face can mimic beauty. But because the touch of the real thing is so capricious, there must always have been hidden goddesses. Cleopatra may have been rivalled by one of her laundresses; and when Lady Diana Cooper's taxi swept past, who knows what flawless countenances its wheels threw mud upon?

Why some human beings should be born godlike, and others have to scheme and struggle to be even presentable, is an unanswerable and eternal mystery. But in the street, in a shop, among the harassed mothers at the school gate, even hiding inside a mound of overweight, beautiful faces may abruptly shine out at you. Sometimes women in middle age have a facial glory as great as young ones: Elizabeth Jane Howard, Kathleen Tynan give the same quiet pleasure as ever.

The joy of true beauty — not the pouting Mandy Smith variety, or the snooty untouched glossiness of a *Harpers* marchioness — is that it arouses no envy, no hostility, not even much sexuality. It merely brings you a step closer to some archetype you always dimly hoped was there: Christians would say (though shyly, in these times) that such faces bring you nearer to the face of God. Neither all-over Vaseline nor a titled husband can reproduce that.

A true beauty can still be a miracle with her hair shaved, with wrinkles, with spots: with any blemish except, perhaps, the lines of petulance and bitterness that damp out every advantage in the end.

Real man and Peter Pan



PENNY PERRICK

Last week I read about a woman who thought nothing of hopping on a Concorde to buy an Armani jacket in New York if she couldn't find it in Knightsbridge.

If I could afford the price of a Concorde ticket I would go on a transatlantic shopping spree too, but to snap up books rather than *haute couture*. American bookstores display titles that never seem to find shelf-room over here. Books called *Love Now, Leave Later* and *Ex-Husband, Best Friend* which I know would enrich my life if I could only read them.

The latest hardback that I covet is by Ray Raphael, published by the University of Nebraska Press, and called *The Men from the Boys*. It is about how difficult it is for the latter to turn into the former.

Well, actually you don't really need a book to discover that, you just have to look around you to realize that some people progress from boy to Old Boy without ever having been a man in between.

Strangely, being a man has got nothing to do with ideas about "masculinity". Rugger players remain boys all their lives — perhaps it has something to do with the fact that they spend so much time in shorts — while quite a lot of Arsenal supporters are men.

Men are good cooks; a sign of their being thoroughly grown-up is that they can produce bacon and eggs with unbroken yolks for six people while remaining ruffled. Boys are good cooks too but have a childish love of gadgetry, so the meals they prepare have always been electrically blended, whipped, puréed and deep-fried to an alarming degree.

You could starve for hours while an elderly boy fiddles around with a little machine that turns carrots into sculpted roses instead of getting on with grilling the chops.

Boys are suckers for fashionable restaurants, and exclaim over the arrangement of lambs lettuce and quails' eggs on their plate as though it were an exclusive design by David Hockney.

Men will send back the wine if it's slightly off, not in the least intimidated by the fact that the restaurant's proprietor has just been signed up for a television series.

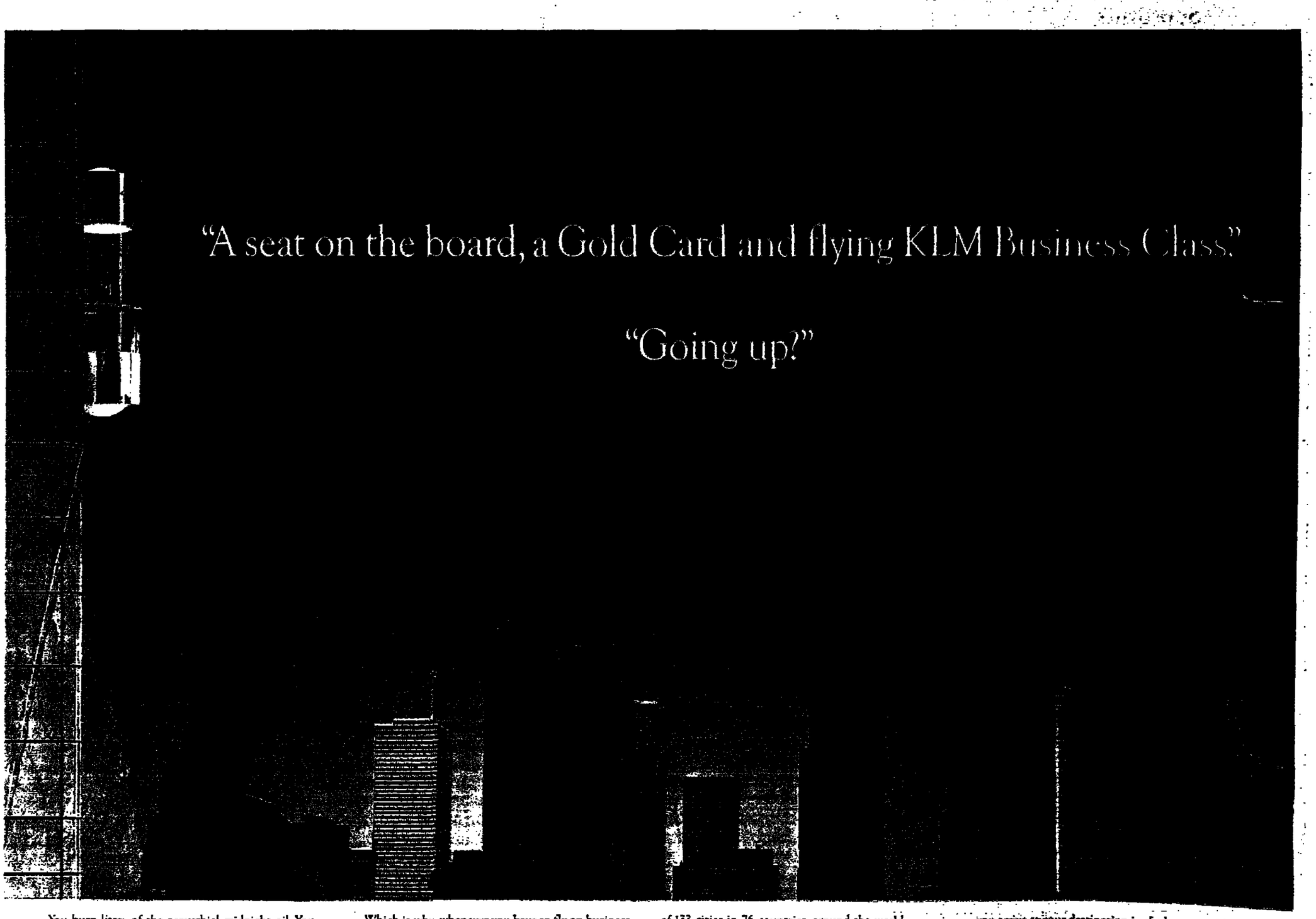
Boys love dressing up and it is for them that a new category of leisure-wear has been invented. Now they can wear pale blue sweaters with a raised design to do the gardening and a soft-as-butter leather jacket costing several hundred pounds to clean the car. When they are invited to a party they ask hopefully whether it is black tie. I think it must have been a boy who invented the masked ball.

Men always look as if they are wearing their father's old suits and look none the less elegant for that. There is a manly knack to making brand new clothes look like inherited ones.

Their pinstripes are never too sharp, their tweeds never too glowing, and their idea of leisure-wear is a 10-year-old pair of jeans and the shirt they once scorched with the iron and can no longer wear in decent company.

A boy's idea of a treat is to go out. (I suspect that all middle-aged boys were not taken to the zoo or Madame Tussaud's often enough when they were little.) A man's idea of a treat is to stay in.

It is a kind law of nature which decreed that people of male gender divide neatly into men and boys, since it gives women a choice of companion. Those of us who like going to the hairdresser regularly and have a closet full of party frocks are able to find perfect bliss with an adult boy, while those of us who like a more intimate way of life, if we are lucky, find a man who is happy to share it.



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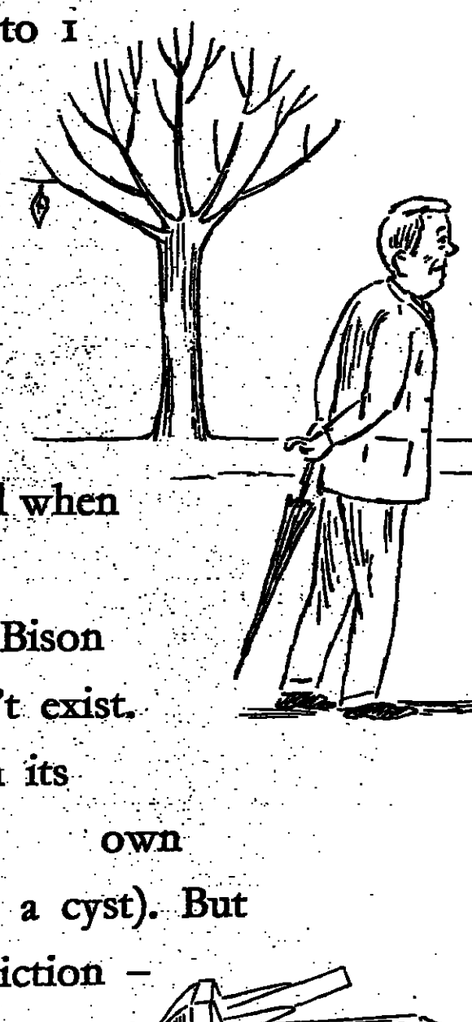
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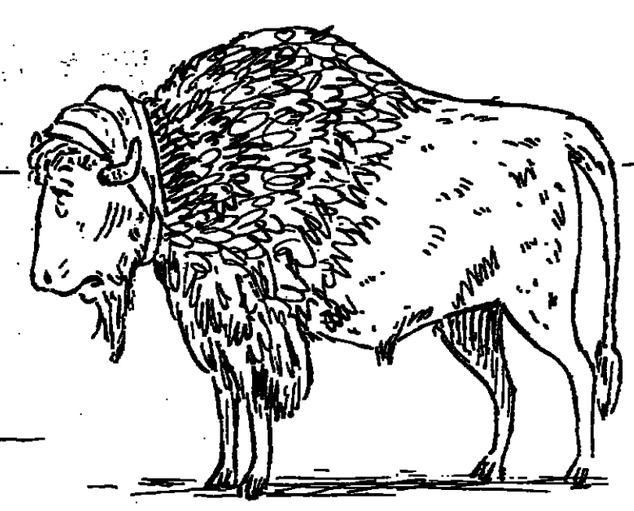
Who was held back in life by his failure to grasp the fact that after 1 comes 2, 3, 4, etc.



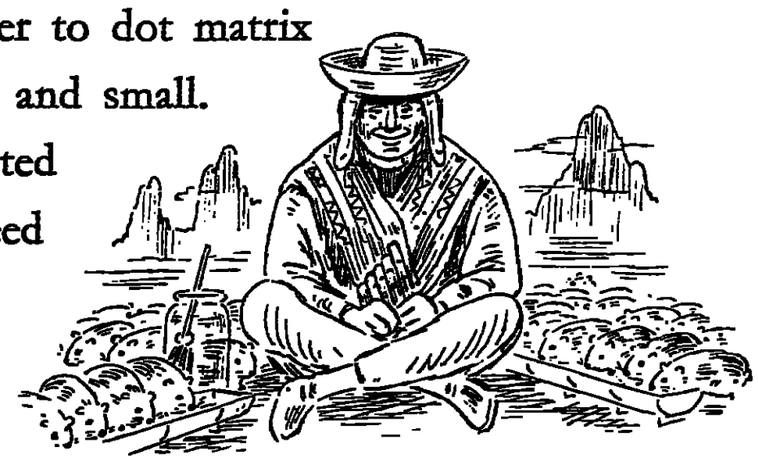
When it came to
math-e-matics.
Septimus didn't
have-what-it-takes.
Such was
the severity
of his
affliction.

After counting to 1
there was no
further addition.
So for solitary
Septimus
only 1 star
shone.
Only 1 leaf fell when
Autumn begun.
Herds of Bison
didn't exist.
Just 1 on its
own
(and that had a cyst). But
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most drasti-cally.
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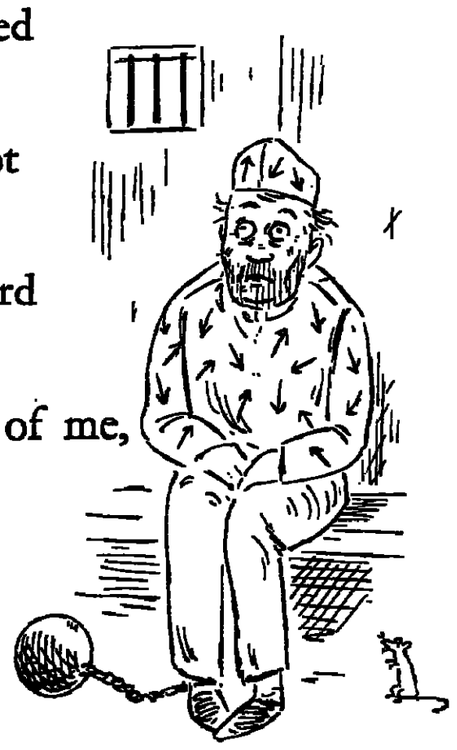




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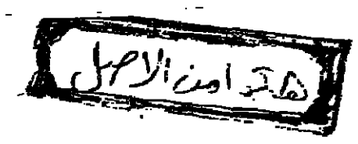
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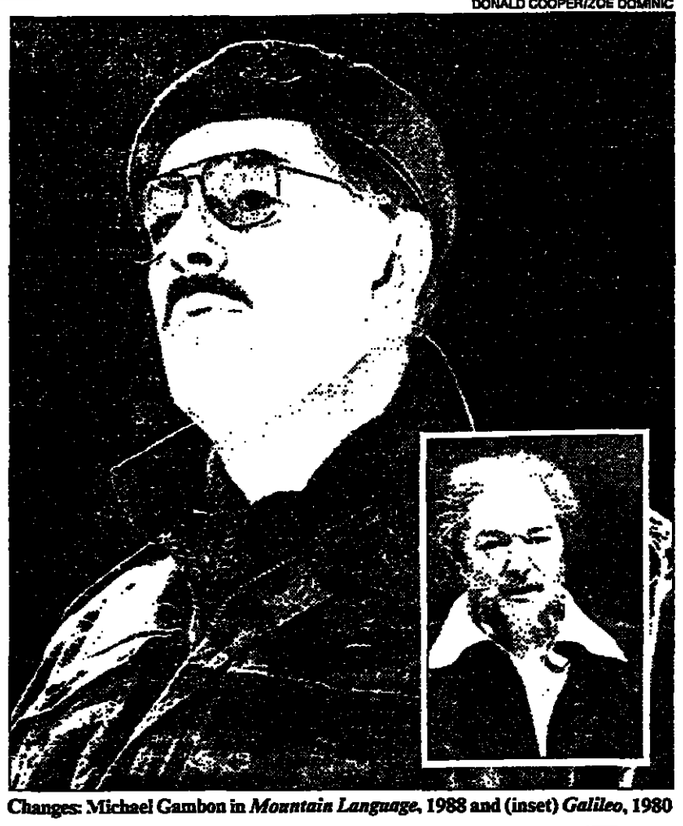


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Champagne was served at the first rehearsal. I had arrived two hours early, wearing the most expensive pair of suede shoes from Bond Street that I have ever owned. Peter O'Toole, who was playing Hamlet, looked like a god with bright blond hair. I was completely overawed.

From that first three years I mainly remember fear — and the thrilling presence of Olivier. All the spear carriers shared a dressing room and there was great competition between us — people like Anthony Hopkins, Edward Petherbridge, Michael York and I — to be spoken to by him. He would have tea with us in the canteen. I remember him going up on the fly gallery, helping to operate the curtain when the new electric motor broke down. He prided himself on knowing the work of the stage crew. He knew everyone's name. He would know their children's names. On Saturday afternoons he would watch football on the television in the crew room.

We would watch him in action from the wings. Everyone had his Olivier imitation — Tony Hopkins was brilliant at it. We were paid £14 a week and an extra pound per performance but, despite the money, I felt I was somebody. There was kudos in simply being there.

All actors walking on are discontented with their lot and after three years, in which I had a few small parts, I went to Olivier to ask if I could have some better ones. He suggested I went off to get some rep experience at Birmingham Rep, where he had started. A year later, three years after walking on in his *Othello*, I was playing the name part at Birmingham.

It was 12 years before I went back to the National, now in the new building on the South Bank, and with my own dressing room. It was three times as big and much more impersonal. With a staff of 500 you could not hope to know everyone.

The bonus of working there is that you know everything is going to be all right behind the scenes. The other attraction of the National is that you do not have to play the same part every night.

They used to make everything for a production under one roof. The carpenters, metal-workers and engineers all felt they were part of the show. Now, owing to the financial cut-backs, the workshops have been closed and the scene-building is done by outside contractors. When I walk round the empty spaces backstage, it seems shocking and shameful to me that the National Theatre should not have those craftsmen working there, like the craftsmen on stage.

No other theatre's stages are like those of the National. The big sweep of the Olivier is so frightening at first. It is like being faced by a wild animal: you wonder how you are going to control it. There is nowhere to hide. But when the auditorium is filled with people it can become almost intimate. Not so the Lyttelton — too wide for comfort and with none of the contact, emotional and physical, of traditional proscenium theatres such as Matcham built. The hardest thing is to play comedy in it. By contrast, the Cottesloe is so close and friendly that it is everybody's favourite of the three.

I owe almost everything to the National and to Peter Hall. I shall not forget the day, in 1980, he said, "I want you to play Galileo". I had never played a part of classical stature in London.

John Dexter, my director, had so scared me in my days as a walk-on that once I excused myself for being late by saying my mother had died. I still trod carefully with him but we understood each other, despite a couple of shouts he had at me during rehearsal. Before the first night I lost my bottle. It was such an expensive and elaborate production that a lot was riding on my performance. When we rehearsed the curtain calls, Dexter called out, "You can take one. Two when you've got some notices." Olivier was in front that night. I would have died had I known.

When Alan Ayckbourn suggested that we should do *A View from the Bridge*, I didn't know what I was in for. It was thanks to his direction, taking the play at speed, that we got the second half really up in the air. It was a surprise to us that it became such a hit. We came off to cheers and found Alan weeping with relief and joy.

Whenever I have been away filming, or doing television work, (which pays much better than the National) I feel drawn back as if by a magnet. I feel a longing to be back there, where I have been at ease and have been happy. I am the only actor who was in the first production 25 years ago and who is still appearing there on the anniversary. I am proud about that. It feels like home.

● *Michael Gambon is appearing in Harold Pinter's* Mountain Language *in the Lyttelton, and* Uncle Vanya *at the Vaudeville*

National family at war

THEATRE

The Plantagenets
Royal Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon

DONALD COOPER



Homicidal boy, untameable wild bird: Anton Lesser and Penny Downie

The Royal Shakespeare Company first declared its identity with the English histories, and as if returning to kiss the earth, it has returned to them at 10-year intervals: always in the form of a trilogy.

The Wars of the Roses conflated them into a 1960s Third World fable. In the mid-Seventies, Terry Hands directed the three Henry VI plays so as to re-focus attention on the collision between saintliness and the political use of religious sanctions. Now, in *The Plantagenets*, Adrian Noble presents a trimmed-down version of the reigns of Henry and Richard III.

This is emotionally more satisfying that Hands's trilogy, which came to an end just as the real fun was about the start. It also supplies the opportunity, fully grasped in this nine-hour production, of showing a nation undergoing transformation.

Beginning over the coffin of Henry V, it presents an England at the high point of fortune's wheel, still proud of its foreign conquests, and still fired with ideals of honour and valour, projected on Bob Crowley's stage as a world of sunlight and heraldic banners. Then the wheel starts turning, as factional vendettas supplant the old loyalties, conquests turn to defeat and the country's aggression turns in on itself: leading in *The Rise of Edward IV* to a squalid sensual era and then to the world of Richard III, where heraldic brilliance gives way to a grey prison house, and the sun itself changes to a jagged black disc like the blade of a gigantic circular saw.

Props are few on Noble's stage, and most of the visual work is done by Chris Parry's directional atmospheric lightning: thus, the sense of one country falling into different hands gives way to the impression of rootless flux.

This does not matter in the opening play, partly because it does not depend on memory, and partly because it covers the broader and more varied canvas of the French wars: splendidly realized in gold-armoured pageantry; exploiting simultaneous action; and successfully resisting the extremes of chauvinism — in particular the character of Joan la Pucelle. Julia Ford plays her as simultaneously vulnerable and invincible, and maintaining the same qualities in defeat; desperately invoking supernatural help, whereupon — in a spine-tingling moment — the surrounding English dead stir into unearthly life, and then abandon her to her fate. The sense of pity intensifies up to the climax of her burning, which overlaps with Henry's preparations for marriage.

This involves the cycle's two main characters, both magnificently played. From her quiveringly defiant response to the overbearing Suffolk (Oliver Cotton) Penny Downie's Margaret is a wild bird never to be tamed. Ralph Fiennes's Henry is the first I have seen who communicates the sense of a real moral alternative to his faction-riven court: without sacrificing the character's gentleness, he has moments of spectacular strength and his political irrelevance and unresisting death are not those of an ineffectual weakling.

Together with David Calder's genially splenetic York, and David Waller's growlingly honest Protector, the first play develops up a richly characterized company, all built to last. Sad to say, the second play gives them scant opportunity to do so. The piece (beginning with the Cade rebellion) has been cut so as to give an unbroken line of action through to the King's death. As a result, it narrows down to a pendulum sequence of one battle after another.

There is, however, a big moment when Anton Lesser first bounds on as the psychopathically grinning young Gloucester. Lesser made an electrifying début in this role in the Hands cycle: and now, 10 years later, goes on to expand it into Richard III. The opening is wonderful. "Now is the winter" is delivered as a triumphant speech to the court, raising their glasses to the smirking Edward (Ken Bones); and only half-way through does Lesser arrive in a spot to confide his villainous scenario to the audience.

Lesser is still the homicidally joking boy. He plays at high speed, but his chosen emphases (in a shrill hyena bark) are blood-curdling, and his comic timing immaculate. "Do not pause," he exclaims, thus disarming the sword-brandishing Lady Anne (Geraldine Alexander) who has no intention of pausing; and developing an almost mind-reading rapport with Oliver Cotton's Buckingham.

Like other Richards, though, he fails to make the transition to kingship — approaching the throne with a boyish war-whoop, and only settling into his new role in a dismally apprehensive line-up on the eve of Bosworth. Battle scenes (some graced by lady soldiers in tin sombreros) are not the show's strongest number. And, Richard apart, the cycle is on surest ground as the family tragedy of three grieving women, magnificently played by Downie, Marjorie Yates, and Joanne Pearce.

Irving Wardle

Depths revealed

RECITAL

Maurizio Pollini
Festival Hall

Perhaps it was stretching a point to put Maurizio Pollini's recital into the South Bank's Schoenberg series "The Reluctant Revolutionary", when Brahms and Beethoven took up far more time. Schoenberg's Three Pieces, Op 11, are, however, crucial and substantial works, and if they bear little direct relationship to Beethoven's "Hammerklavier" Sonata, they connect directly enough with the Intermezzos of Brahms's late Op 117 and Op 118 collections.

There is, for instance, much thoroughly Brahmsian motivic writing in the first two pieces, while the last piece has an impassioned rhapsodic quality about it.

As we might have expected, Pollini's way with the Three Pieces was utterly idiomatic, incisive in sound yet deeply considered in interpretation. The second piece seemed suspended in a timeless space — very much a Pollini trade mark — while the third released its explosion of primeval energy without sacrificing clarity of vision.

Such qualities applied equally to his Brahms. No pianist invites you further into the deeper recesses of his mind than Pollini in this mood, and though his manner did *not* always provide for the most comfortable listening experience, with its emphasis on the darker shades, his introspection revealed new, often thought-provoking insights, nevertheless.

In the "Hammerklavier," Pollini was able to release the emotional tension that had accumulated in what had gone before with a stupendously pugnacious delivery of the first movement, executed all the same with due consideration for its taughtness of structure. Likewise the Scherzo was a vessel for self-liberation rather than self-examination, but then came that enormous slow movement, where Pollini refused to hurry a single note. It was as if each gesture, though inalienably connected to the next, occupied its own planet.

This dauntingly beautiful, if disturbing, illusion of infinity was brusquely dispelled with the onset of the anarchically fugal finale, however, where spiritual transcendence was of another, altogether more robust kind, no less enlightening in Pollini's secure hands.

Stephen Pettitt



Janice Cairns, Malcolm Donnelly

Sabotaged by the production

OPERA

Simon Boccanegra
Coliseum

Mark Elder.

Full frontal assaults on the audience's emotions need to be achieved with a little more discipline than is evident in this revival of David Alden's most recent production for the English National Opera. David Fielding's set looks splotched and tatty, and its opportunities for dramatic shadow-play are nearly all thrown away by disastrously clumsy lighting. Through the production's tendency to exaggerate feeling in a bathetic manner, the opera becomes expressionist melodrama, done without style.

Compensation comes in some fine solo performances and in the playing of the orchestra under Malcolm Donnelly's introspective baton. Janice Cairns, as Amelia, sings with fluency and charm, and Mark Richardson is good-naturedly reliable in the not very rewarding part of Pietro.

Malcolm Donnelly's Boccanegra is plausibly a man of the people: in another incarnation he might be the best sort of union official, warm and generous in his sympathies, loyal to the good. After a little early roughness he found an expressively flexible and mellow sort of strength.

John Tomlinson provides a predictably powerful Fiesco; his voice is less dark than it was, but rich and grainy with maturity, a seasoned instrument, and he commands attention all the time he is on stage. He is a giant beside the puffed-up Gabriele Adorno of Edmund Barham and the Paolo of Steven Page, whom the production presents as a white-faced caricature of bleak villainy, but who makes a fierce impression nevertheless by playing the stereotype for all its worth.

Paul Griffiths

TELEVISION

History is coming

RADIO

"I had seven brothers, and I didn't even know they had ankles", reported an old female party in *Out Of The Doll's House* (BBC2), another instalment on the alleged progress of British women in the 20th century. Her complaint, echoed by others of her generation, was that for them the swings of romance had been compromised by the roundabouts of sexual ignorance: a frustration first addressed by Marie Stopes in 1931, and which became in the 1960s a lucrative industry.

The decade we are all fed up with hearing about saw the first surplus of marriageable men this century, a fact which might have interested Malthus. With scant pretence to analysis, the programme settled for three generations' worth of vox pop and snigger-fodder.

The former seemed designed more for the benefit of the witnesses than that of the viewers, while the latter weighed in with early nudie-cutie footage and a coeval sex-education film in which a fruitily spoken human couple in a sylvan setting were intercut with a cock pheasant "pressing his suit".

Had this programme gone out on a commercial channel, it would very likely have been bracketed by advertisements which pander to the idea of women calling the tune — a far more acute index of gender relations than any number of oral histories.

The second part of the *Everyman* (BBC1) trilogy on the current Pope forsook biography for an update on the international implications of his tenure. This cannot have been hard to achieve: gay Catholics making a lot of noise in the USA; "liberation theologians" spurning the soutane in Brazil; His Holiness himself, reading his prepared replies at an oblique angle and looking inadvertently shifty in the process.

Martin Cropper

My assumption used to be that history ended just before I was born — anything after that was my lifetime and therefore not history. But experience keeps on undermining the assumption. All those television archive programmes — *Out of the Doll's House* or the return of *Face to Face* — show ways of doing things and attitudes that are plainly out of the Ark but prove to have taken place within my first 30 years.

The edge of history keeps on creeping forward and From Sea to Shining Sea (Radio 4 Wednesday, repeating Thursdays, producer David Powell) has brought it closer still. Sally Hardcastle's six programmes are the product of a trip across the US talking to Americans about their perception of the 25 years since John Kennedy was shot. We have got to programme four and the Gerald Ford era and all of it has the authentic flavour of another age.

If this is history, it is marvellously well done. I have followed it with complete absorption, from the euphoria of the early Kennedy years through Vietnam and civil rights, until last week a reminder of the wounds left by both confrontations.

The story is told not, as often, by the great but by relatively ordinary citizens, and this gives the events a cutting edge. I knew that Vietnam veterans had not exactly been welcomed as returning heroes, but how far and how cruelly Liberal anti-war America rejected them was new to me.

The vividness and candour of the material — obtained, as some of its dialogues reveal, by some very direct yet sympathetic interviewing — make this reporting and compilation of a high order.

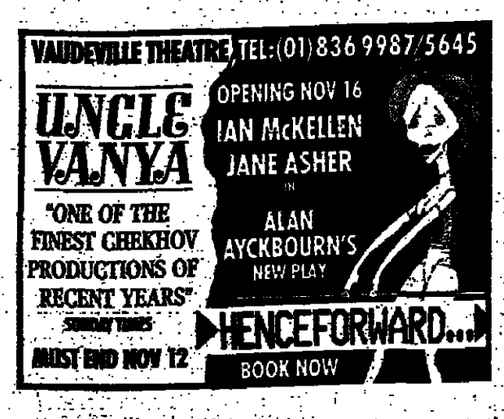
Last week saw the launch of a season of plays in the Young Playwrights Festival, which earlier this year attracted 1,200 entries. Twenty one have been selected for production and have achieved transmission on Radio Four with a speed that makes some of us more elderly playwrights inclined to falsify our ages.

That dash of vinegar apart, one can only cheer the intention — to draw new young talents to Radio Four — and wait to see what quality it brings in the next fortnight.

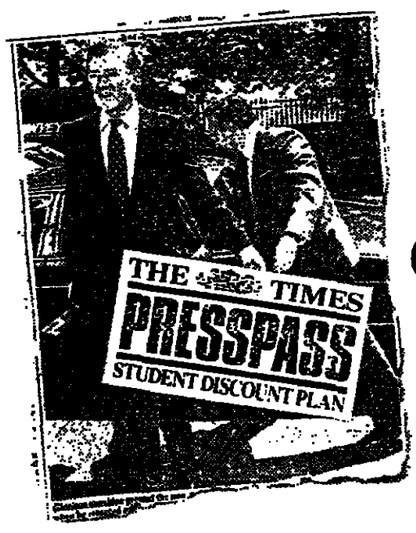
Last Monday's opening, however, will probably turn out to have been in a category of its own, since it consisted largely of a curtain-raiser: The Word made Fresh. Well, freshish. This was a 55-minute cabaret amusement, introduced in high-camp Kelvinside by Victor and Barry, but otherwise a shade hit-and-miss. Benjamin Zephaniah was one of the more successful performers and his Hurricane Dub occupied the remaining 35 minutes of the Monday Play slot.

This was an adroit revisitation, set to a steady West Indian rhythm, of the night a year ago when we southerners cowered in our beds, wondering how long before the roof fell in. It made an easy and attractive introduction.

David Wade



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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE:** Tom Wilkinson with Connie Booth in Arthur Miller's adaptation of Ibsen's witch-hunt drama.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE2 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 7.30pm. £7.50. (D)

★ **AS YOU LIKE IT:** Geraldine McEwan's thrilling production for Renaissance with Tam Hiskyns, James Larkin and Kenneth Branagh.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (01-836 2294).Tube: Leicester Square. 7.45pm, £6-£14.50. (D)

★ **BARTHOLOMEW FAIR:** Guy Henry and John Wells play the leads in Richard Eyre's first production since taking over the NT reins.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. 7.15pm. £6.50-£14. (D)

☆**BUDGIE:** Adam Faith with Anita Dobson in thinnish Soho musical.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham St, WC2 (01-379 5293). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat 3pm. £8-£20 except Wed mats, £4-£10.

☆**DEALING WITH CLAIR:** Tom Courtenay in Martin Crimp's latest play dealing with the hazards of house-buying.
Orange Tree Theatre, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (01-940 3633). Tube: Richmond. Mon-Sat 8-10pm, £3-£6.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the relationship between an elderly Jewess and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

☆**THE FATHER:** Alun Armstrong in John Osborne's version of Strindberg's alarming drama of marital treachery.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, Mon £5, other perfs £7.50. (D)

☆**HEDDA GABLER:** Lindsay Duncan, Clive Francis and Alex Norton in thrilling Ibsen production.
Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (01-722 9224). Tube: Swiss Cottage. Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4.30pm, Mon £5, Tues-Fri and Sat mat £6.50, Sat eve £7.50.

☆**THE HOUSE OF BLUE LEAVES:** London's newest theatre (former rehearsal room) opens with Denis Quilley, Nicola McAuliffe and Helen Lederer in New York black comedy.
Lilian Bayliss Theatre, Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, EC1 (01-278 8916).

Tube: Angel. Press night tonight 7-9.30pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, *mats Thur 2-4.30pm and Sat 3-5.30pm*, £6-£9.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Geraldine McEwan and Sara Kestelman take over the leads in Peter Shaffer's smash comedy where two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

☆**RE: JOYCE:** Maureen Lipman reincarnates Joyce Grenfell in monologue and song with Denis King at the piano.
Fortune Theatre, (01-836 2238). Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Sat 5pm.

☆ **THE SNEEZE:** Marvellously funny and varied Chekhov/Frayn pieces, eight in all: Rowan Atkinson, Timothy West and Cheryl Campbell in peak form. Directed by Ronald Eyre.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 6404/0641). Tube: Holborn/Temple/ Charing Cross/Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm, £5-£15.

☆ **SUGAR BABIES:** Mickey Rooney and Ann Miller star in nostalgia show vastly popular on Broadway. Dirty talk and high kicks.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888) Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thur, Sat 2.30pm, £8.50-£22.

☆ **UNCLE VANYA:** Michael Gambon, Jonathan Pryce and Imelda Staunton splendid in Michael Blakemore's Chekhov revival.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9988). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 2.30, Sat 5pm, £7.50-£15.

LONG RUNNERS: . . . ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

GUILDFORD: ☆ **Richard II:** Derek Jacobi plays the king in strongly cast production. Tours Scotland in November.
Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Millbrook (0483 60191). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thur and Sat 2.30pm, Mon-Thurs £10.50-£14, Fri and Sat £11.50-£15, Thur mat £7-£9.50. Ends Sat.

WATFORD: ☆ **Mrs Dot:** Janet Dale plays the merry widow and Roland Curram a suave cynic in a sprightly production of Maugham's 1908 comedy.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road (0923 225671), Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, mats Sat 3pm, Mon-Thur £6 and £7.70, Fri and Sat £7 and £8.70. (Gallery seats all week £2.50 at door.)

The time, the plaice



The world's largest and most famous fish and chip shop celebrates its diamond jubilee this week. In 1928 Harry Ramsden borrowed £150 to open his business in a hut 10ft by six at Guiseley, gateway to the Yorkshire dales, when his wife's tuberculosis forced a move to the country. Now Harry Ramsden's one and a half million customers a year eat 241,000lb of haddock and nearly 250 tons of potatoes, fried in 169,000lb of dripping and seasoned with 2,000lb of salt and 2,000 pints of vinegar. The restaurant seats nearly 200, and its name is so famous it is shortly to be franchised internationally.

All week there will be free children's shows and Don Estelle of *It Ain't Half Hot, Mum* and Derek Batey of *Mr and Mrs* will be entertaining. On Sunday Harry Ramsden's will be serving fish and chips at 1928 prices (2p a portion) and trying to break its own world record for the largest amount of fish and chips served in a day (100st of fish and 200 of potatoes) while setting new ones for the world's longest queue and most customers served in a day (more than 10,000). It will all end with a fireworks display at 9pm on Sunday night.

Robin Young

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG): Louis Malle's moving, semi-autobiographical drama, *set in a provincial boarding* school in the last months of World War Two. Gaspard Manesse heads the young, non-professional cast (107min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737).
Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

BAGDAD CAFE (PG): German director Percy Adlon presents the warm, comic tale of a large middle-class tourist from Bavaria, stranded in the American West. With Marianne Sagebrecht, Jack Palance, C.C.H. Pounder (91 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742).
Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.05, 9.05.
Metro (01-437 0757).
Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.
Screen on the Hill (01-435 3388).
Progs 3.15, 5.05, 7.10, 9.05.

■**BILOXI BLUES (PG):** Reminiscences of army camp with Matthew Broderick and Christopher Walken as new recruits (107 min).
Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9661).
Progs 2.00, 4.20, 6.10, 8.40.

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Terence Davies's remarkable new film set in Liverpool in the 1940s and '50s — a moving exorcism of family guests, ingeniously set to popular music. With Freda Dowie and Peter Postlethwaite (85 min).
☎ Lumiere (01-836 0691).
Progs 1.20, 3.15, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10.

■**A FISH CALLED WANDA (15):** The adventures of two scheming Americans (Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline), an uptight English barrister (John Cleese) and an animal rights fanatic (Michael Palin), who owns a fish called Wanda. Script by John Cleese. Directed by Ealing veteran Charles Crichton (109 min).
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310).
Progs 1.35, 4.45, 8.00.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772).
Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.00.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.00, 5.45, 8.55.
☎ Plaza 1 (01-200 0200).
Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.
Plaza 2
Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. Late daily 11.00.
Gate Notting Hill (01-727 4043).
Progs 12.00 (not Sun), 2.05 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.

■**FRANTIC (15):** Roman Polanski's latest film — a conventional mystery drama with Harrison Ford.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636).
Progs 2.00, 6.30, 9.15.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561).
Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.25, 5.10, 8.00.
☎ Warner West End (01-439 0791).
Progs 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.35. Late Fri, Sat 11.10.

■**GOOD MORNING, VIETNAM (15):** Robin Williams in a military comedy about a DJ sent to Vietnam to keep up the morale of the troops. Directed by Barry Levinson (121 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096).
Progs 1.35, 4.10, 6.45, 9.25.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527).
Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.15.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310).
Progs 2.00, 5.05, 8.10.
Notting Hill Coronet (01-727 6705).
Progs 3.15, 5.45, 8.20.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644).
Progs 2.15, 5.15, 8.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).
Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520).
Progs 3.30, 6.10, 8.35.
Warner West End (01-439 0791).
Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.55, 8.30.

DANCE

☆**THEME AND VARIATIONS:** Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet in Balanchine's showpiece classic, with Fokine's *Petrushka* and *Les Sylphides*.
Apollo Theatre, George Street, Oxford (0865-244544), 7.30-9.45pm, £4-£12.

☆**SOLDAT:** Ashley Page's new work for Rambert Dance Company, with Merce Cunningham's *Septet* and Richard Alston's *Hymnos* and *Rhapsody in Blue*.
Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester (061-273-4504), 7.45-10pm, £6 and £8.

ROCK

★ **THE ROBERT CRAY BAND:** The guitarist who has instigated a quiet, stylish and thorough overhaul of the blues is now reaping his just rewards.
Manchester Apollo, Ardwick Green (061 273 3775), 7.30pm, £7.50-£8.50.

★ **JULIAN COPE:** Extra show, apparently due to public demand for the leather boy's sub-psychedelic warbling.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Rd, London W1 (01-580 9562), 7.30pm, £7.

☆ **JOE ELY:** Texan country-rocker who long ago found unlikely favour with rock audiences when the Clash adopted him as support act, but who seems to have missed the more recent "New Country" boat.
Irish Centre, York Rd, Leeds (0532 480887), 8pm, £6.

☆ **SPEAR OF DESTINY:** Kirk Brandon, recovered from his mysterious leg-swelling illness, returns to the fray with his faceless post-punk aggregate.
Studio, Frogmore St, Bristol (0272 276193), 7.30pm, £6-£7.

JAZZ

☆ **JIMMY HEATH:** Opening night of a week's residency from the American reedsman. Support is from the Sue Shattock/Terry Disley Band.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2).

☆ **HUMPHREY LYTTELTON:** His 40th year as a bandleader has been marked by the release of a celebratory album, *Gigs*.
Kendal Festival of Jazz & Blues, Brewery Arts Centre, Highgate, Kendal (0539 25133) 8.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **EGBERTO GISMONTI:** A quartet appearance by the ECM multi-instrumentalist.
Four Bars Inn, Castle St, Cardiff (0222 374962) 8.30pm, £6.50.

☆ **TOMMY SMITH:** Continuing his extensive tour, the tenor prodigy heads a quartet including Azimuth pianist John Taylor.
Phoenix Arts Centre, Newark St, Leicester (0533 554854), 7.30pm, £3.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆**MONTEVERDI'S BACH:** John Eliot Gardiner conducts the Monteverdi Choir, Orchestre and soloists in Bach Cantata No 198 and *Singet dem Herrn* Motet.
St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1-2pm, £3.

☆**OUNDLE AWARD:** Giving the Oundle Award Organ Recital, Ian Dalgeish plays Bach's Prelude and Fugue BWV 543, César Franck's *Pièce Héroique*, Liszt's *Weinen Klagen* Variations, Vierne's Berceuse Op 31 No 19 and *Joi et Clarté* from Messiaen's *Les Corps Glorieux*.
St Michael's, Cornhill, London EC3, 1-2pm, free.

☆**MAW MUSIC:** Scott Stroman conducts the Opus 20 string ensemble in Maw's *Life Studies*, Ireland's *Concertino Pastorale* and a prelude and fugue by Britten.
American Church in London, 79 Tottenham Court Road, London WC1 (01-580 2791). 1.05-1.50pm, free.

☆**NOTES FROM COATES:** The contralto Valerie Coates sings Purcell, Mozart, Brahms and Britten while Nigel Foster accompanies on the piano.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

☆**NEWS OF NORRIS:** David Owen-Norris performs Siegfried Karg-Elert's piano solo transcription of Elgar's Symphony No 1.
St Anne and St Agnes's, Gresham St, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

EVENING

☆**BRITTON AWARD:** Duncan Prescott gives the Frank Britton Award recital with clarinet sonatas by Lefevre, Saint-Saëns, Bax, Komauth, as well as Penderecki's Prelude for Paul Patterson and *The Carnival of Venice* arranged by Jeanjean.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆**MUCH VIVALDI:** As part of the ongoing Vivaldi Festival, the London Soloists' Ensemble is conducted by David Josefowitz in numerous Vivaldi concertos.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£9.

☆**CLARINET CONNECTION:** This is the name of a clarinet-cello-piano ensemble whose members variously play Gade's Fantasy Pieces Op 43, Poulenc's Clarinet Sonata, Brahms's Trio Op 114, etc.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8pm, £2.50-£5.

OPERA

☆ **FALSTAFF:** See caption.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£75.

☆**LA BELLE HÉLÈNE:** Offenbach's biting operetta has lost its teeth in an untidy, unfunny new production by Tim Luscombe for New Sadler's Wells Opera.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10.15pm, £3.50-£18.50.

☆ **ELISA E CLAUDIO:** Rarely performed tragi-comedy by Mercadante makes its Wexford debut, conducted by Marco Guidarini.
Theatre Royal, Wexford, Eire (053-22144), 8-10pm, £23.



Donald Maxwell (above, in costume) sings the title role in Verdi's *Falstaff* for Welsh National Opera, who are visiting the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, for three nights from tonight (see listing). Peter Stein's production, praised in these pages, has not had unanimous critical acceptance and surprised some by its darker tones; but this is a spirited and characteristically vigorous evening, conducted by Richard Armstrong, from a company who can be counted on to bring a sense of freshness to Bow Street.

GALLERIES

MODERN BRITISH PAINTERS: Works by portraitist Harold Speed and his Edwardian contemporaries.
Marlyn Gregory, 34 Bury St, London SW1 (01-839 3731). Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free. Until Nov 5.

GEORGE GROSZ: Incisive satirical watercolours and drawings by the scourge of inter-war German society.
Gillian Jason Gallery, 42 Inverness St, London NW1 (01-267 4835), Tues-Sat 10.30am-5.30pm, free. Until Nov 5.

100 YEARS OF ART IN BRITAIN: A hundred varied works celebrating this gallery's centenary.
Leeds City Art Gallery, The Headrow (0532-462495), Mon-Fri 10am-8pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm, free. Until Jan 15.

SIX ON FIVE: Painting, sculpture, ceramics and jewellery by six artists. Ends today.
Barbican, Level 5 Terrace Foyer, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 4141)

WALKS

COLOURFUL COVENT GARDEN: meet Embankment tube, 2pm, £2.50.

DOCKLANDS SCENIC RAILWAY GUIDED SUPERTOUR: meet Tower Hill tube, 2.15pm, £3 (excludes rail fare).

OTHER EVENTS

CHARITY AUCTION IN AID OF CHELSEA ARTS CLUB: To help secure the future of the club, founded almost 100 years ago by Whistler, Brangwyn, Steer, Sickert and other artists, Sotheby's hosts an auction of works of art — many donated by members of the club, including Sir Hugh Casson, Elizabeth Frink, Maggie Hambling, John Hoyland and Carol Weight — some especially executed for the occasion. Viewing today 9am to 12noon in Sotheby's Conduit Street galleries.
The Large Gallery, 34-35 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-493 8080). Sale 7.15pm.

DAVIS GILBERT (1767-1839): Opened on Saturday to mark the 150th anniversary of the death of one of Eastbourne's most notable residents — Member of Parliament, patron of the arts and of scientists and engineers including Trevithick and Davy, and one-time president of the Royal Society. Diaries, correspondence, scientific instruments, portraits and other related material are used to illustrate the life and work of this remarkable but little known man.
The Towner Art Gallery and Local History Museum, High Street, Eastbourne (0323 411688), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, free. Until Feb 19

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

OXFORDSHIRE IN CONCERT SERIES: Special half-price subscription for series of four concerts, including Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in works by Sibelius, Debussy and Shostakovich, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields, and Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra, Nov-May.
Apollo Theatre, George St, Oxford (0865 244544) or Music at Oxford (0865 864056).

LAST CHANCE

B'NAI B'RITH: Final week of third bicentennial Jewish Music Festival, with Vanished Voices synagogue music from destroyed German communities to mark the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht (today), discussion on synagogue music in the 21st century (tomorrow), concert with the Ben Uri Chamber Orchestra (Wed), Steve Reich's *Tehillim* (Thur), Classic Gems of Yiddish Theatre (Sat), and Songs and Stories of Jewish Poland (Sun).
Forward Bookings: 37 Palace St, Canterbury (0227 455500), Royal Festival Hall (01-921 6800), St John's, Smith Square (01-222 1061).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond prize draw are: £100,000 25RK 106262 (the winner lives in Buckinghamshire); £50,000 16BT 902336 (Stratford-upon-Avon); £25,000 8TW 175209 (Brighton).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending:

	BBC 1	BBC 2
1	Eastenders (Thurs, Sun) 19.00	Fren 6.00
2	Eastenders (Tue, Sun) 18.00	The Driver 4.95
3	Bread 17.25	Top Gear 4.25
4	Neighbours (Tues 13.30,17.36) 15.80	Alexei Sayle's Stuff 4.20
5	Neighbours (Mon 13.29/17:36) 15.40	Reaching for the Skies 3.50
6	Neighbours (Wed 13.30,17.36) 15.10	Laurel and Hardy 3.25
7	Neighbours (Thu 13:30/17:36) 14.85	Mission Impossible 3.20
8	Neighbours (Fri 13.29,17.36) 14.50	Trifield Thunderbolt 3.15
9	'Allo, 'Allo 14.00	The Rounders 3.10
10	News, Sport, Weather (Sat) 21:07 12.55	The Natural World 3.00
	ITV	**Channel 4**
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 15.85	Brookside (Wed/Sat) 5.90
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 15.00	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 5.45
3	Blind Date LWT 13.80	A Shining Season 3.75
4	Taggart STV 13.30	Fifteen-to-One (Wed) 3.50
5	The Bill (Thu/Fri) Thames 12.90	Fifteen-to-One (Thu) 3.45
6	Me & My Girl LWT 12.35	Fifteen-to-One (Fri) 3.45
7	Jack The Ripper Thames 12.25	Fifteen-to-One (Tue) 3.35
8	The Bill (Tue/Fri+) Thames 11.90	The Last Resort 3.15
9	The Krypton Factor Granada 11.40	Fifteen-to-One (Mon) 3.10
10	Family Fortunes Central 11.35	The Golden Girls 3.10

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 7.5m (1.4m) TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 11.8m (2.5m)

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

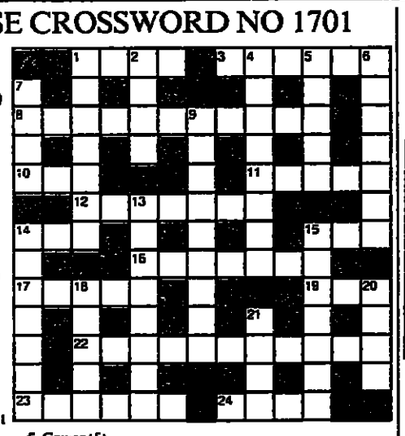
NUPSON
(b) A fool, or an idiot; obsolescent. origin disputed: Ben Jonson: "O that I were so happy as to light on a nupson now of this Justice's novice."

MOFETTE
(b) A volcanic fissure spewing forth carbon dioxide or mephitic gas, the last stages of volcanic activity, from the Neapolitan *mofeta*: "The amount of carbonic acid which is discharged by these mofettes must be enormous."

SMARAGDINE
(a) Either an emerald, or pertaining to emerald or emerald green, from the Greek *smaragdos* the name for various green gems including the emerald: "He putteth a Smaragdine stone in his nest against the venemous beastes of the mountaines."

HOTCHA
(c) Sexually attractive and energetic, perhaps from the Yiddish *hotsa*, hop, said when bouncing an infant on one's knee, perhaps from hot stuff: Raymond Chandler: "He ran Sternwood's hotcha daughter, the young one, off to Yuma."

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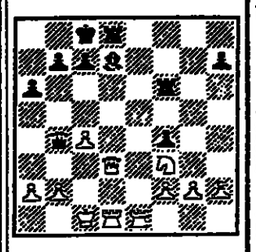


ACROSS
1 Sparta swan queen (4)
3 Hard to understand (6)
8 Jamaican PM (6,5)
10 Rocky hill (3)
11 Chinese magnolia (5)
12 Emergence (7)
14 Pull (3)
15 Be under obligation (3)
16 Overruns (7)
17 Copy (5)
19 Muslim tall cap (3)
22 State of despair (11)
23 International agreement
24 Accompanying (4)

DOWN
1 Uncultivated type (7)
2 Smut (4)
4 Duck-billed mammal (8)
5 Cower (5)
6 Augment (7)
7 Canvas shelter (4)
9 Give up (9)
13 Stocky, sturdy (8)
14 Violent storm (7)
15 Reality evader (7)
18 Biting insect (5)
20 Chinese boat (4)
21 Indian dress (4)

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene. Chess Correspondent



The above position is taken from the game between Keres (White) and Alekhine (Black), played at Margate in1937. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

CONCERT OF EARLY MUSIC: Chandos Baroque Players. Works by Handel, Telemann, Vivaldi, Bach and Rameau. 25 October. 8pm. Inner Temple Hall. EC4. 01-376 3623.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.40** Leon Errol in *Dear Dear* (b/w) **6.55** Weather **7.00** Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**. **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00** News and weather followed by Open Air. Eamonn Holmes and Natalie Anglesey receive viewers' comments on the weekend's television programmes. To participate ring 061-814 0424 **9.20** Kilroy! *Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject* **10.00** News and weather followed by Society Goes Spaghetti (b/w). An RKO short **10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begins with Playbus **10.50** *Jimbo and the Jet Set (r).* **10.55** Five to Eleven. Patricia Hayes with a reading **11.00** News and weather followed by Open Air with Pattie Coldwell and Eamonn Holmes **12.00** News and weather followed by *Daytime Live. Today's edition of* the magazine programme includes Sally Burton reminiscing about life with her late husband, Richard. **12.55** Regional news and weather **1.00** One O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Charlene receives a special present from Jim. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly **2.15** Ironside. The Chief receives an anonymous message that a murder is to be committed in the interests of "justice" (r). **3.00** Hudson and Halls. Peter and David with another selection of recipes. Their guest is Gordon Kaye **3.25** Bazaar. Judi Spiers and Rob Curling with money- and time-saving ideas **3.50** Stoppit and Tidyup narrated by Terry Wogan **4.00** A Bear Behind with Lindsay Coulson and Bill Wallis **4.10** Laurel and Hardy. Cartoon (r). **4.15** Rupert **4.20** Defenders of the Earth. Animated adventure series. (Ceefax) **4.40** Beat the Teacher. **4.55** Newsround **5.05** Blue Peter. Carom Keeling visits an aquarium in Monterey Bay, California. (Ceefax) **5.35** Neighbours (r). **6.00** Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Andrew Harvey. Weather. **6.25** London Plus. **7.00** Wogan with Sir Robin Day, Bernard Levin and Harry Enfield **7.30** Watchdog. Consumer affairs series. **8.00** Wyatt's Watchdogs. Comedy series about a retired Army officer who decides to take a firm stand against local crime. (Ceefax) **8.30** Streets Apart. The first of a six-part romantic comedy series starring Amanda Redman and James Hazeldine as old flames who meet and find the fires still burning. (Ceefax) **9.00** Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather. **9.30** Panorama: Choosing the Future — the Genetic Revolution. A documentary examining the dilemma facing doctors whose patients demand genetic tests to predict the onset of severe, or even incurable, disease. Among the contributors is Dr James Watson, the Nobel Prize winner who helped discover the structure of DNA. **10.10** Blood Vics. A drugs set-up between a pusher and Crockett and Tubbs is foiled by a raid by the Drug Enforcement Agency **10.55** Film 88. Among the films reviewed are *Imagine: John Lennon* and *Five Corners* **11.25** Electric Avenue. The first of a new series of ten programmes about computers in society. **11.30** Weather.

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.40** Daytime on Two: equal opportunities in the workplace **10.05** For the very young **10.15** Music created by bells **10.40** Think about **10.55** The latest space technology **11.20** A song about water **11.40** Mathematical investigations **12.00** French apprentice jockeys **12.15** British social history **12.35** General studies **1.00** Science: sixth sense **1.25** The Adventures of Spot (r). **1.30** What's Inside? (r). **1.40** Landmarks (r). **2.00** News and weather followed by Words and Pictures (r). **2.15** Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) **2.50** Town Portraits. Rothbury, Northumberland (r). **3.00** News and weather followed by International Pro-Celebrity Golf. Lee Trevino and Sandy Lyle are joined by Mary Parkinson and Rachael Heyhoe-Flint (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather **4.00** Dr Kildare (r). **4.45** Blizzard's Outdoor Toys. In this first of a new series Richard Blizzard makes a slide **4.40** Behind the Screen with Rob Curling **4.50** Film: Charlie Chan's Secret (1936, b/w) starring Warner Oland. The Oriental sleuth investigates another murder. Directed by Gordon Wiles **6.00** DEF II begins with Ibiza 92. The second of two programmes recorded at the KU Club in Ibiza. **6.35** Scene: Getting in. The first of a two-part drama about crime (r). **7.00** Dick Stabile and His Orchestra with Grace Barrie (b/w). **7.10** Perfect Strangers. Comedy **7.35** The Education Programme: A Credit to Society? Whose responsibility is it to teach children to become responsible citizens? **8.05** Reaching for the Skies. Part seven of the 12-programme series on the history of flight. (Ceefax) **9.00** Film: Buddies (1983) starring Colin Friels and Harold Hopkins. Comedy about two Australian sapphire miners. Directed by Arch Nicholson **10.35** Women of the Year. Highlights of today's award ceremony **11.00** Newsnight **11.45** Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am starts with News and The Morning Programme presented by Kathy Rochford; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain introduced by *Anne Diamond and Mike Morris*; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and Wacaday with Timmy Mallett. **9.25** Runway. Travel and general knowledge quiz. The questionmaster is Richard Madeley **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . . The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on how to pep-up jaded relationships **10.40** This Morning. Magazine series about home and family presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. At **11.00** there is an item on childcare; at **11.45** advice for coping with a small garden. With national news at **10.55** and local news at **11.56**. **12.10** Let's Pretend to the tale of *The Tent* (r). **12.30** A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheep township **1.00** News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news and weather. **1.30** Film: Dark Angel (1935, b/w) starring Fredric March, Herbert Marshall and Merle Oberon. Drama, set in England at the time of the First World War, about a man thought killed in the conflict who returns with a secret. Directed by Sidney Franklin. **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** The Young Doctors. Medical drama series set in a large Australian city hospital. **4.00** Jim Henson Presents: Mother Goose Stories **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin (r). **4.20** The Real Ghostbusters. Cartoon series **4.45** Knightmare. Computer fantasy game. **5.15** Blockbusters. General knowledge game for teenagers **5.45** News with Alastair Stewart **6.00** Thames news and weather. With Andrew Gardner and Penny Smith **6.30** Reporting London investigates the issues surrounding this week's debate calling for a ban on blood sports on all National Trust property **7.00** The Krypton Factor. Brawn and brains competition. (Oracle) **7.30** Coronation Street. Rita is blamed by Jenny for the recent sad events. (Oracle) **8.00** Never the Twain. The first of a new series of the comedy about two rival antiques dealers, starring Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies **8.30** World in Action. An investigation into medical injury compensation in Britain in the light of the National Health service being sued for more than £1 million by the parents of a young girl who suffered catastrophic injuries through negligence of doctors **9.00** Game, Set & Match. Episode five. (Oracle) (see Choice) **10.00** News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30** Thames news and weather **10.35** Film: The Red Light Sting (1984) starring Farrah Fawcett and Beau Bridges. A made-for-television comedy about a plan to convict a racketeer that entails the purchase of a brothel. Directed by Rod Holcombe **12.20am** I Spy. Vintage American espionage series **1.15** Sportsworld Extra includes highlights of the weekend's *European football matches* **2.00** News headlines followed by Film: Never Give an Inch (1971) starring Paul Newman, Henry Fonda and Lee Remick. Drama about an Oregon timber merchant who defies striking townsfolk and strives to complete a large shipment of logs. Directed by Paul Newman **4.00** News headlines followed by 60 Minutes. Interviews and investigations from the United States. **5.00** ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools **12.00** Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series. **12.30** Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented by Susannah Simons. **1.00** Make It Count (r). (Oracle) **1.30** Write On (r). (Oracle) **2.00** Film: Rain (1932, b/w) starring Joan Crawford, Walter Huston, William Gargan and Guy Kibbee. Drama, based on Somerset Maugham's novel about a prostitute who arrives on a Samoan island inhabited by soldiers and a zealous missionary. Directed by Lewis Milestone **3.45** Years Ahead. Topical magazine series for the older viewer, presented by Robert Dougall. Among the guests is Mary Whitehouse who talks about her 25 year crusade against sex and violence on television. Plus, a look at the campaign by the Office of Fair Trading and the charity Help the Aged designed to protect the elderly from becoming victims of doorstep violence and conmen **4.30** Fifteen-to-One. General knowledge quiz game presented by William G. Stewart **5.00** The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show introduced by Gay Byrne **6.00** Landshapes. The first of a seven-part exploration of the landscapes of Britain and Ireland, presented by Tim Preece. This evening's programme is filmed in Shropshire, Essex and Dartmoor. (Oracle) **7.00** Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen. **7.50** Comment followed by Weather **8.00** Brookside. A comment by Chrissy Rogers on two elderly, nosey neighbours gets back to Ralph who takes offence; Gordon talks to his parents about Christopher and decides to have an Aids test. (Oracle) **8.30** Film: Reds (1981). (see Choice) **12.05am** Network 7. A repeat of yesterday's final programme of the series which featured highlights from earlier shows. Among those appearing are Stephen Fry, Meatloaf and *Jonathan Ross. Ends at* **2.05.**

Moles in the recesses

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Game, Set & Match (ITV, 9.00 pm) Len Deighton's spy trilogy has been a plod so far. Now, at last, things start to move with Samson (Ian Holm), an embittered ex-field agent demoted to London desk jockey, back over the Berlin Wall in order to protect his precious Brahms Four network. Moles are in the department. Hints too of a Giant Mole even deeper in the recesses: as one can gather, the plot involves the usual colander of leaks. Now that the clumsy voice-over has gone, and most of the pieces are on the board, the narrative is at least self-propelling, but reservations linger over the casting. Where the Le Carrés (Smiley apart, who really should have been played by the late Arthur Lowe) and *Edge of Darkness* were spot-on, this is less successful in that no one is as one imagined *them in Deighton's original.*

● Reds (C4, 8.30 pm) Warren Beatty's very long film about John Reed's account of the Russian Revolution, is, for all its cast of thousands and grand historical settings, mostly about the private relationship between Reed and Louise Bryant, and, by extension between Beatty and Diane Keaton. Beatty's choice of actresses invariably has an autobiographical aspect, and this film is not without its incestuous side. At one level, *Reds* is Beatty's reply to *Annie Hall*: an alternative, and far more expensive, and sombre love letter to Keaton. If Woody Allen probably secretly wishes he were Beatty, Beatty probably would rather be Jack Nicholson (Mephistopheles to his angelic countenance), who here contributes a quicksilver cameo as Eugene O'Neill.

Chris Petit



Gottfried John as KGB man Stinnes, awaiting Samson and the last spy cell Brahms's Four in Berlin, tonight (ITV, 9.00pm)

Radio 1

VHF and **MW** (medium wave) News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am** **5.30** Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** *Steve Wright* **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The Chart Quiz **8.00** The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave) News on the hour **4.00** Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** *Jimmy Young* **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days **7.30** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz on record **10.00** The *Unfair* Quiz **10.30** The Good Human Guide **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT **7.00** World News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** Rescuing the Rhine **8.00** World News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Maigudi Days **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** World News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** Good Books **9.30** Financial News **9.36** Sports Roundup **9.45** Peebles' Choice **10.00** News Summary **10.01** A Green and Pleasant Land **10.30** The Vintage Chart Show **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Tech Talk **11.30** Londres Mkt **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Round the Horne **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Outlook opening with World News **2.45** A Choice of Verdis **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** A Green and Pleasant Land **3.45** English Songsmiths **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** Americans in Europe **4.30** Lyrics and Lyricists **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News **5.09** Commentary **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Sor **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Programmes in German **8.00** World News **8.09** 24 Hours **8.30** Sports International **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Network UK **9.15** Turning Point **9.30** The Vintage Chart Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Mastering Photography **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** World News **12.09** News about Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** New Music **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Short Story **1.45** Turning Point **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Network UK **2.30** Sports International **3.00** World News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** The World Today **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** 648 News Headlines **5.55** Financial News **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Into the Open: The First Hurdle **6.55** Weather, followed by news headlines **7.00** Morning Concert: A Scarlatti. Concerto Grosso No 3 in F (Scarlatti *Orchestra Soloists under* Ettore Gracis); Chopin: Nocturne in E flat, Op 9 No 2 (Arthur Rubenstein, piano); Liszt: Symphonic Poem — Orpheus (Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra under Zubin Mehta); Mozart: Sinfonia Concertante in E flat (K 364) (Berlin Philharmonic directed by David Oistrakh, viola, with Igor Oistrakh, violin); Ravel: Suite No 2 — Daphnis et Chloe (Philharmonia Orchestra under Carlo Maria Giulini) **8.30** News **8.35** Composers of the Week. Bizet Nocturne in F (Setrak, piano); Quatuor de l'omelette (le docteur miracle) (French National *Radio Orchestra under* Antonio de Almeda with Jean-Christophe Benoit, baritone); Trois esquisses musicales (Setrak, piano); Symphony in C (French National Radio Orchestra under Thomas Beecham) **9.35** Annie Fischer Plays Schumann: Kinderszenen, Op 15; Kreisleriana, Op 16 (r) **10.30** London Symphony Orchestra: Rossini. Silken Ladder Overture (conducted by Pierini Gamba); Debussy: Lyric Poem — La Damoiselle élue (with London Symphony Chorus. Maria Ewing, soprano and Brigitte Balleys, mezzo-soprano, under Claudio Abbado) **11.05** Martinu and Dvorak: *Martinu Piano Trio No 1* (Cinq Pieces brèves); Dvorak Piano Trio, Op 90 (Joseph Kalichstein, piano, Jaime Laredo, violin and Sharon Robinson, cello) (r) **11.50** Scandinavian Music: Sallinen Fantare (first UK *performance); Sandstrom:* Concerto for alto saxophone and orchestra (with John Edward Kelly, saxophone); Sibelius: Symphony No 7 in C (BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Tadaaki Otaka) **1.00** News **1.05** BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St John's, Smith Square. Bach: Motet — Singet dem Herrn; Cantata No 198 — Lass Fürstin (Monteverdi Choir and Orchestra under John Eliot Gardiner with Nancy Argenta, soprano; Michael Chance, alto, Mark Tucker, tenor and Stephen Varcoe, bass) **2.00** Music Weekly (r) **2.45** Chicago Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Kurt Sanderling. *Mussorgsky:* Khovanshchina: Prelude to Act II; Mozart: Piano Concerto No 13 in C (K 415) (with Malcolm Fraser, piano); Shostakovich: Symphony No 15 (r) **4.10** Musica Antiqua Köln: Telemann: Quartet in A, Sonata in F for violin and basso continuo; J C F Bach. Sonata in C for flute, harpsichord and violin, Telemann: Quartet in F (Wilbert Hazetzet, flute, Reinhard Goebel and Hajo Bass, violins, Phoebe Carrai, cello and Andreas Staier harpsichord) **5.00** Mainly for Pleasure. Presented by Edward Blakeman **6.30** Music for Organ. Frank *Choral No 1 in E, Reger* Chorale fantasia on *Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn* (Mark Blatchly, organ) **7.00** News **7.05** Third Ear. John Guare talks to Karel Reisz about his work and his double opening tomorrow night with two European premieres at the new Sadler's Wells Lilian Baylis Theatre (*House of Blue Leaves*) and *Woman and Water* on Radio 3 **7.30** Bournemouth Sinfonietta Conducted by Roger Norrington. Beethoven. Coriolan Overture, Op 62 Mozart: Piano Concerto No 23 in A (K 488) (with Angela Hewitt, piano), David Gow Music for a Mime (first UK broadcast) **8.20** The Other Side of the Mountain: New poems by David Hartnett read by John Franklin-Robbins, Richard Pearce and Philip Sully **8.40** EBU Concert Season: Traditional Music from *Yugoslavia Old traditional* music performed by villagers and amateur groups **10.40** Henry Purcell's Fantasias: Second of three programmes covering the whole consort repertoire, played by Fretwork **11.00** Composers of the Week: Howard Ferguson and Gerald Finzi. Ferguson: Two Ballads, Op 1 for baritone and orchestra; Finzi: Dies natalis; Ferguson: Octet, Op 4 (r) **12.00** News **12.05** Close

VARIATIONS

Film: The Sailout **4.00** Great Little Trains of Wales **4.30-5.00** For the Honour of Their Country.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00-7.00pm** Wales at Six **10.30-11.05** The 88 Report.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-** *1.00* Gardening Time **1.30** Scotland Today **1.35** Film: Cook and Peary: Race to the Pole **3.30-4.00** Struggle Beneath the Sea **5.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Bless This House **10.35** 9 to 5 **12.05** Film: Futureworld **2.10am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Young *Doctors* **1.30** News **1.35** Film: William the Conqueror **3.27-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Looking Back with Kenneth Macleod **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Mary, **12.05** Film: Futureworld **2.10am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

TVS As London except: **1.25pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Father Dear Father **5.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** County Ways **10.35** Head to Head **11.20** Film: Borderline **1.20am** Supercross **1.50** I Spy **2.50** Hall and Oates **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-** *1.00* Santa Barbara **1.30** News **1.35-2.30** Film: Firm Men in the Moon **6.00-7.00** Northern Life **10.35** Kite Krazy **11.05** Hollywood Special **12.00** Film: Futureworld **2.05am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

ULSTER As London except: *1.20pm* Newsline **1.30-2.30** Film: My Teenage Daughter **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** Ask Anne **10.35** Ulster Hall Concerts **11.05** Falcon Crest **12.00** Film: Futureworld **2.05am** Sportsweek **3.10** Pick of the Week **3.40** 60 Minutes **4.30-5.00** Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-** *1.00* Young *Doctors* **1.20** News **1.30** Five Minutes **1.35** Blithe Spirit **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Calendar Fashion **10.35** Calendar Commentary **11.05** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Film: Day for Night **2.05am** Transworld Sport **3.00** Music Box **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol y Cwm **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Uunau Dydd Llun **1.00** Make It Count **1.30** Write On **2.00** Cities of Islam **2.30** Brown Sugar **3.30** Space on Earth **4.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Late Late Show **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** SuperTed **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.05** Dwy Ran o Deir **7.45** Sgorio **8.30** Newyddion **8.55** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **9.25** Stone Monkey **10.00** Media Show Special **11.45** Ghosts in the Machine **12.05am** Network 7 **2.05** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **2.30pm** Ancient Art of Cookery **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Brideshead Revisited **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Number One **7.30** Tom and Jerry **7.35** A Taste of Ireland **8.00** Stingray **9.00** News **9.30** Cagney & Lacey **10.25** Hanley's People **10.45** Down the Tube **11.25** News. Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.50pm** Bosco **3.00** Smurfs **3.25** Ballebeg **3.35** Fabulous Fleischer Folio **3.50** Quentin's Magic Show **4.05** Heidi **4.35** Happy Birthday **4.50** Catweazle **5.25** Wonderstruck **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nauchti Agus Cursai **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** American Football **9.00** Spitting Image **9.30** *The Forum Presents* **10.30** Network News **10.50** Film: Squizzy Taylor **12.35am** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) Stereo on **VHF** **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today; with a five-day weather forecast for farmers **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today: Presented by Sue MacGregor and Peter Hobday. Incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** The Week on 4: With Charlotte Green **8.42** Andy Kershaw with *recordings from the* BBC sound archives **9.00** News **9.05** Start the Week: With Melvyn Bragg and guests (s) **10.00** News; Money Box with Louise Botting **10.30** Morning Story: Late Night *Downtown, by Wendy* McCormick, read by William Roberts **10.45** Daily Service: From St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Down Your Way: Michael Buerk visits Solihull, his home town and returns to his old school (r) **11.30** Poetry Please!: More poetry for children read by members of Sevam Beach Primary School, introduced by Wendy Cope **12.00** News; You and Yours: With John Howard **12.25** Counterpoint: Ned Sherrin hosts a general musical knowledge quiz. First round, heat two (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World at One: Presented by James Naughtie **1.40** The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: A special edition about Egypt, discussing the growth of Islam and the point that more women are now taking the veil; an article on overcrowding and over-population and a look a the "City of the Dead" where people live amongst the tombs; plus a journey down the Nile to seek the Great Queen Hatshepsut, who is said to be one of the greatest historical figures. Also, a preview of the opening of the new Cairo Opera House, with an *interview with its female* director Ratiba Al Hefni **3.00** News; Young Playwrights Festival: With All Things On Top by Charles James with Marian Diamond (s) **3.47** Young Playwrights Festival: Visitants, play by April de Angelis (see radio choice) (s) **4.30** Kaleidoscope: Where From? Where To?: Theatre in Zimbabwe (r) **5.00** PM: Presented by Valerie Singleton and Bill Frost **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** Six O'Clock News; Financial Report **6.30** The News Quiz (new series): Barry Took hosts the lighthearted quiz played by Richard Ingrams and Alan Coren (s) (r) **7.00** News **7.05** The Archers **7.20** The Food Programme (new series) with Derek Cooper (r) **7.45** *Science Now: with Alun* Lewis **8.15** Young Playwrights Festival: The Colours of the King's Rose. Play by Anthon Nielson S) **9.10** Young Playwrights Festival: Sometimes I Don't Know Why We Bother. Play by Polly Churchill (s) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: The Royal Shakespeare Company's latest endeavour is a three part drama called *The Plantagenets*, based on four of Shakespeare's plays. Paul Vaughan reports on the nine-hour performance. Plus an article on the Chumley Chocolate factory, the heart of a new film *Consuming Passions*, starring Jonathan Price and Vanessa Redgrave **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: No *Surrender* by Robert Harbinson read by John Keyes. Harbinson tells the story of his childhood in poverty-stricken Belfast in the 1930s (1 of 10) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **VHF** *as above except:* **11.00am-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Contact **11.15** Publications Review **11.30** Let's Move! **11.40** The Music Box: **11.50** See For Yourself **11.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Playtime **2.20** Science Scope **2.40** Whirligig **5.50-5.55pm** PM (continued) **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-time: Home or Away: Travel to work **12.30** Tyneside Metro **12.50** Lite Metro

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RADIO CHOICE



Anna Massey in a gruesome play — Visitants (R4, 3.47pm)

● Of the plays now coming at us thick and fast in the two-week Young Playwrights Festival (Radio 4, 3.00pm and 8.15pm), only a couple have deserved dodging, so clearly someone in radio's drama department knows how to spot emerging talent. One of the best plays to date, though over-plotted, is April de Angelis's Visitants (3.47pm), a slightly gruesome comedy set in an entomological lab that has become yet another battlefield in the sex war, yet another platform for the proclamation of female liberation. A positive Samson of an insect, newly arrived at the lab, turns out to be a she. Given the general level of dementia prevailing among the staff, it is predictable that the presence of a Delilah is suspected. Add to this a ghost who is herself a bit of a Delilah, and the stage is set for some surreal mayhem involving a good cast which includes Anna Massey, Janet Maw and Gary Waldhorn.

● The Other Side of the Mountain (Radio 3, 8.20pm) is an anthology of poems by David Hartnett which traverse the landscape of memory between what are, presumably, his own childhood and adulthood. Once or twice, I felt I could have done with clearer signposting.

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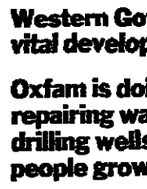
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Ridley drafts green Bill in pollution war

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The Government is drawing up measures for a three-pronged attack on pollution, including a Bill dealing exclusively with "green" issues.

The strategy will be led by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, who is to publish a document setting out the Government's "green" strategy this winter.

Mr Ridley and his ministers are drawing up papers examining the different areas of pollution. The results will be published in about three months.

Mr Ridley's plans are the latest development in the party battle over the environment, which polls suggest is set to become a dominant factor in British politics.

Ministers are taking their cue from the Prime Minister, whose own heightened interest in the issue became evident in her recent speech to the Royal Society.

The "green" papers will focus on the ozone layer, greenhouse effect, lead in petrol, acid rain, domestic waste, hazardous waste, the North Sea, the seal epidemic and sewage slump. Most of the measures recommended in the document are likely to be phased in without legislation.

Mr Ridley told *The Times* that a "green" Bill is also being drafted. It is likely to be introduced at the end of next year. It will deal with reform of air pollution legislation, waste controls and integrated pollution controls. He emphasised that he wants his department "to take over" all responsibilities touching on environmental pollution. His assertion is set to provoke conflict with the Ministry of Agriculture which is in charge of dumping licences in the North Sea and hoped to take a greater role in anti-pollution measures.

During the conference season all parties have been making their pitch for the green vote. A Harris poll in the *Observer* yesterday disclosed that 50 per cent of respondents felt the environment would be a "very important" issue over the next five years.

However, Mr Ridley predicted that the most far-reaching initiative in clearing up pollution in this Parliament would be in the forthcoming Bill for privatizing the water authorities.

Mr Ridley aborted the original draft of the privatization Bill because he was unhappy with plans for the conservation of rivers. The new Bill will place responsibility for the purity of river water in the hands of a new public body, the National Rivers Authority. He also warned that consumers would face higher water charges to meet the costs of cleaning up rivers and beaches.

Mr Ridley, who has been criticized by the green lobby for failure to bring in anti-pollution measures, defended his record on "green" issues since he took over at the Department of Environment more than two years ago.

He cited initiatives taking place under his administration including the £3 billion, 10-year programme for cutting sulphur emissions from power stations, the clean-up of the Mersey basin and the £70 million spent annually on long outfalls for taking sewage out to sea.

Old soldier remembers those who fell at Alamein





Corporal Cyril Spencer photographing the grave of a comrade killed at El Alamein 46 years ago, and Mr George Younger laying a wreath at the memorial.

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many people were killed." Like his colleague, Sergeant Cyril Spencer, aged 78, Sergeant Hutchings, who is 73, stood out because both were wearing the bright red and painfully unsuitable uniform of a Chelsea Pensioner. Neither flinched as temperatures soared above 90°F and they were the last to leave, still tracking down the graves of colleagues not previously visited.

The service, accompanied by the mournful pipes of the First Battalion Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, was the more moving because prayers were read first in English, then in German and Italian, the Axis nations against whom the allies were to win a famous victory that was to turn the war.

Sergeant Hutchings, said: "It was a perfect idea to have the languages mixed like this and the memories. We all have to learn to live together again."

Another veteran of the campaign which finally outwitted Rommel — known to the British as "The Desert Fox" — was Sergeant John Astill, a former anti-aircraft gunner from Sunderland who recalled at length the pleasures and miseries of serving under Montgomery.

"He was a soldier's soldier: when he gave an order, he expected it to be carried out to the letter. The only one that I ever recalled being ignored was his instruction that every member of the Eighth Army should do PT (physical training) every morning. Nobody did, he did nothing about it," the veteran, aged 74, explained.

"What is little known is that General Eisenhower bet Montgomery that the American forces would get to Tunis first. When he lost, he paid over the wager which was a Flying Fortress plane and I was there when it landed near my battery outside Tunis to be handed over to Monty."

Concern over flaws in juries

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- Extending disqualification from jury service to offenders who have served probation orders;
- Introducing a new system of random checks to ensure that jurors do not put themselves *forward if disbarred*;
- Abolishing of the defence's right to challenge jurors without giving cause;
- Raising the upper age limit for eligibility from 65 to 70 – with a further increase not ruled out in the future; and
- Placing the jury box out of the direct sight of the public in all Crown Courts built from now on.

Mr Patten said he was convinced that the British jury system worked well "on the whole".

Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow Home Secretary, said the Labour Party was committed to the system. There was no reason why 12 jurors could not reach the correct verdict even in fraud trials, he said.

Amid stories of chaos many questions about the Jupiter disaster remain to be answered

Survivors tell of their 'miracle'

By Michael Horsnell and Ian Smith

Many of the 391 British teenagers and 84 teachers who escaped the Jupiter cruise-liner disaster on Friday and are now back home have spoken of the "miracle" of their survival.

As tales of chaos and pandemonium emerged, Schools Abroad, which organized the ill-fated educational cruise, announced that it would meet today to discuss insurance and compensation.

The National Confederation of Parent-Teacher Associations said that parents may be able to claim compensation for any injury or loss their children had suffered.

The issue is expected to be raised by MPs in the Commons today during questions to Mr Paul Channon, the Transport Secretary.

Mr Tony Lloyd, the Shadow shipping minister, said: "The Opposition will be demanding that the Government give a commitment to the families of those who are now tragically presumed dead following the sinking of the Jupiter, that full legal representation will be made available during the course of the inquiry. Allegations that crew members put their own safety ahead of passengers, including children, must be answered."

As the mystery continued over Mr Bernard Butt, aged 41, a history teacher from Walsall, West Midlands, who is missing, his brother, Neville, aged 51, told *The Times* from his parents' home in Grimsby: "We are in the dark and very worried. We have had no reliable news. It would appear he was initially accounted for, but there seems to be no reliable information."

Mr Martin Taylor, Mr Bernard Butt's headmaster at T.P. Riley School, Bloxwich, said: "We hope against hope that he will be found safe and well. He is not a strong swimmer but he is physically a very fit man. He was last seen helping pupils escape from the sinking ship. Obviously this has tinged the great joy and relief that parents have experienced."

About 200 people gathered yesterday at All Saints Church in Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, close to the home of Vivienne Barley, the other missing passenger.

During the service, attended by relatives and friends of the missing pair, Father Stephen Day said love and prayers should be offered to Vivienne's family, who were too distressed to attend the service.

One survivor, Andrew Haughton, aged 15, of Thorney Road, Streetly, described the moment when the cruise liner collided with the Italian cargo ship, the Adige. "There was a bang. All of a sudden I heard bottles smashing and chairs toppling over. People were screaming and crying. Everyone was saying we are *going to die*.

"Everyone made a mad scramble to the top. People were getting hit by chairs and slipping down and they were making a human chain to get them. They were panicking and trying to smash windows, but they would not break."

He said he had been near Vivienne Barley, of Chester Road, Streetly, in the lounge, but lost contact with her. "The boat started to go down quickly. People were jumping into the water. My friend was with her in the water. He's not a very good swimmer but a tug came up to him. From then on he did not see Vivienne at all," Andrew said.

A 15-year-old pupil from Mr Butt's school may have been the last person to see him.

Tracey Jones, aged 15, of Smithfield Road, Bloxwich, who came home with a broken leg, said: "He was just trying to get everybody off the boat. He was more worried about everyone else on the boat than himself. He was still on the boat when I swam off".

Row over who was to blame

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the Jupiter came out. The Adige's engines were stopped. He saw the pilot's launch coming out of port, closely followed by the ferry, which, instead of turning off to one side, continued to point straight at the Adige.

"Due to her slow speed in coming out and the strong wind blowing, it starts to drift towards me," he said. He had gone full astern at once and thought the danger was over, but the Jupiter's drift continued. At the last minute, the Jupiter turned to starboard, but continued to drift sideways in what the Italian captain says was a force six or seven wind.

"So they scratched against my bow, striking against me," he said.

Captain Caminale will appear before a Piraeus prosecutor today to face charges of manslaughter.

The Italian consul in Athens, Signor Renzo Maria Rosso, said the Adige's first mate, Signor Nicola Nerone, had confirmed the captain's story. In Rome Signor Giovanni Prandini, the Italian Minister of the Merchant Navy, also publicly supported this version.

Epirotiki Lines refused to comment on the Italian statements because the case was now sub judice, both under the judicial procedure and through the board of marine accidents. A company spokesman said: "The collision is now totally a matter for the inquiry and its decision will be final."

Shipping experts in Piraeus said there were light winds at the time, and dismissed the Italian skipper's claim that a strong wind had caused the Jupiter to drift. The weather forecast for the day had given "light to moderate winds" in the area and this was certainly not force 6 to 7 as alleged by the captain. The Piraeus weather office said that at the time of the collision, between 6 pm and 7 pm on Friday, the wind was force 3, north-easterly

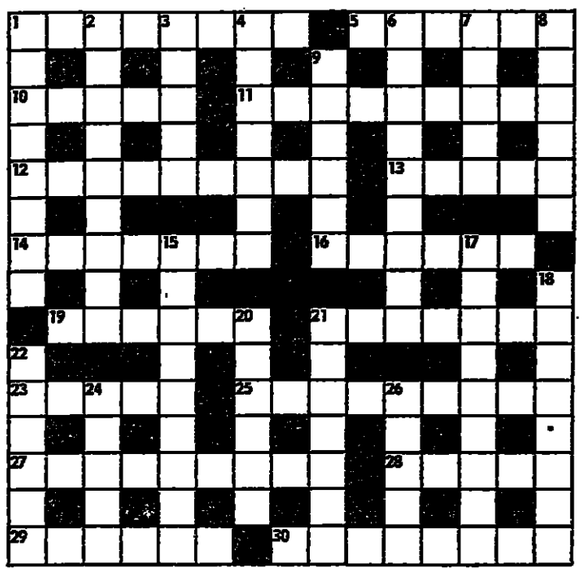
One expert claimed that the Italian skipper "was acting like a motorist who tried to dash through red lights at an intersection".

The speed and success of the rescue operation in the 47 minutes that the Jupiter remained afloat, despite the darkness, won high praise from Sir Jeremy Thomas, the British Ambassador to Greece, who said he was concerned by reports that some Greek crew members had saved themselves instead of the passengers.

"The speed of the rescue proved this to be untrue," he said. "The collision could have led to a very large loss of life. That it did not is due to the skill and courage of many people."

Epirotiki company sources dismissed allegations that crew members had stripped the children of their lifejackets to use them for themselves. But in England witnesses continued to tell of crewmen snatching passengers' lifejackets and ignoring pleas for help.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,808



ACROSS

1 Author stuffing fish with bread (8).
5 Dispute a point, causing embarrassment (6).
10 Welsh leader the others twist (5).
11 Sorts out the people with qualifications (9).
12 The revolting fellow is run out by a man in short (9).
13 In general the popular gear is over-sized (5).
14 For example turning in before the usual time most readily (7).
16 Staggered from wound (6).
19 Drink, but provoke none (6).
21 Model Irishman given the bird (7).
23 Man joining a club to take a dip (5).
25 Engineers involved in controversy get a bad name (9).
27 The person standing hopefully for a seat (9).
28 A number turn cold when she appears (5).
29 Dispatch sound sort of vehicle (6).
30 Sixth sense apparent in a way in court (8).

DOWN

1 Drawers for arranging towels in (3-5).
2 To sound regretful in public is a mistake (9).
3 Following? Dead right! (5).
4 Where the farmer goes to sow (7).
6 Very grim Frenchwoman cutting bread (9).
7 Moving article on prison (5).
8 A tree's transformed in Spring (6).
9 Dull sovereign's subject (6).
15 Handing over a translation (9).
17 Performance that could result in loss of capital (9).
18 Proceeds when attention is shown (8).
20 Test the gold first, then do business (6).
21 Soft back part of the horse's foot (7).
22 Part of the capital we no longer count on (6).
24 Anxious to be perfect maybe (5).
26 Right to insist upon (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

NUPSON
a. A test tube baby
b. A simpleton
c. An early starting ping

MOFETTE
a. A child's muff
b. A volcanic fissure
c. A tuck at dress-making

SMARAGDINE
a. Emerald
b. A rowdy country dance
c. Pre-Pleistocene

HOTCHA
a. A tribe of the Apache
b. Check at bezique
c. Sexually attractive

Answers on page 22, column 1

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,807 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

A band of rain lying from south-east Scotland to East Anglia early in the day will continue edging north for a wet and miserable day for much of Scotland. The rest of England and Wales will have a mostly bright or sunny day. Scattered showers will be confined mostly to exposed western districts. Outlook: more rain spreading from south-west by Wednesday.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Luxor	34	93	s
Alicante	25	77	f	Madrid	17	63	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Malta	23	73	s
Algiers	22	72	s	Melbourne	19	66	c
Amst'dam	12	54	c	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Athens	17	63	r	Miami*	30	86	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Moscow	5	41	c
Barbados*	28	82	f	Munich	11	52	f
Barcelona	21	70	s	Nairobi	27	81	f
Beirut	-	-	-	Naples	23	73	s
Belgrade	14	57	c	N Delhi	31	88	s
Berlin	14	57	c	N York*	9	48	c
Bermuda*	27	81	f	Nice	20	68	s
Brussels	10	50	c	Oslo	4	39	sl
Budapest	10	50	s	Paris	12	54	f
B Aires*	25	77	f	Peking	13	55	r
Cairo	28	82	s	Perth	23	73	s
Cape Tn	18	64	s	Prague	8	46	c
C'blanca	21	70	s	Reykjvik	7	45	c
Chicago*	8	46	s	Rhodes	22	73	f
Cologne	12	54	f	Riyadh	34	93	s
Cyprus	11	52	c	Rome	21	70	s
Corfu	22	72	f	Salzburg	10	50	c
Dublin	11	52	r	S Frisco*	16	61	c
Frankfurt	11	52	c	Santiago*	22	72	f
Geneva	13	55	s	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Seoul	21	70	s
Helsinki	8	46	r	Singapor	25	77	c
Hong K	24	75	r	St'kholm	7	45	c
Istanbul	19	66	f	Sydney	25	77	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Tel aviv	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	21	70	f	Tokyo	20	68	f
Kasmkil	32	90	s	Vanc'ver	10	50	c
L Palmas	25	77	c	Venice	17	63	s
Le Toquet	13	55	f	Vienna	12	54	s
Lisbon	19	66	s	Warsaw	9	48	c
Locarno	16	61	s	Wash'ton*	14	57	c
L Angels*	17	63	c	Wel'ton	13	55	r
Luxemby	7	45	fg	Zurich	13	55	s

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	2.9	-	15	59	bright
Hunstanton	4.8	-	17	63	sunny
Cromer	7.1	-	17	63	sunny
Clacton	7.5	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	6.2	-	16	61	bright
Folkestone	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Eastbourne	8.0	-	15	59	sunny
Worthing	7.7	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor R	7.3	-	16	61	sunny
Southsea	6.4	-	16	61	sunny
Shanklin	4.3	-	15	59	sunny
Bournemth	3.7	-	16	61	sunny
Poole	3.4	-	16	61	sunny
Weymouth	4.2	-	16	61	sunny
Teignmouth	-	.15	14	57	rain
Falmouth	-	.19	14	57	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.28	14	57	rain
Newquay	-	.19	14	57	rain
Blackpool	-	.24	-	-	rain
Minehead	-	.06	15	59	rain
Morecambe	3.7	.01	15	59	bright
Douglas	5.5	.13	15	59	sunny
Buxton	0.3	.01	13	55	cloudy
Carlisle	5.5	.02	17	63	sunny
Leeds	0.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Nottingham	1.4	.02	15	59	rain
Aspley	5.1	.15	17	63	sunny
Cahirn Bay	5.3	.02	17	63	cloudy
Aberdeen	6.0	.01	15	59	bright
Aviemore	6.0	.05	15	59	sunny
Eskdalemuir	6.1	.12	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	7.2	.02	16	61	sunny
Prestwick	7.3	.02	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	1.7	.13	13	55	rain
Wick	5.0	-	14	57	bright

These are Saturday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.35	7.3	12.49	7.2
Aberdeen	—	—	12.24	4.3
Avonmouth	6.08	13.3	6.29	13.7
Belfast	9.53	3.5	10.09	3.8
Cardiff	5.53	12.3	6.14	12.7
Devonport	4.49	5.8	5.08	5.8
Dover	9.50	6.8	10.14	6.8
Falmouth	4.19	5.4	4.38	5.6
Glasgow	11.44	4.6	—	—
Harwich	10.40	3.5	11.16	4.1
Holyhead	9.10	5.6	9.22	6.0
Hull	4.51	7.6	5.36	7.5
Ilfracombe	4.48	9.1	5.09	9.6
Leith	1.06	5.6	1.41	5.7
Liverpool	10.09	9.5	10.29	9.8
Lowestoft	7.52	2.6	8.51	2.4
Margate	10.37	4.9	11.26	4.9
Milford Haven	5.04	7.1	5.23	7.4
Newquay	3.56	7.1	4.15	7.4
Oban	4.44	3.9	5.01	4.3
Penzance	3.49	5.7	4.06	5.9
Portland	6.01	2.2	6.19	2.4
Portsmouth	10.20	4.9	10.35	4.8
Shoreham	10.02	6.5	10.20	6.4
Southampton	9.46	4.7	10.00	4.6
Swansea	5.11	9.7	5.32	10.1
Tees	2.15	5.6	2.53	5.6
Whitby	10.31	4.2	11.06	4.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.10
Austria Sch	23.80	21.60
Belgium Fr	69.10	65.80
Canada $	2.196	2.065
Denmark Kr	12.55	11.85
Finland Mrk	7.78	7.38
France Fr	11.04	10.54
Germany Dm	3.253	3.078
Greece Dr	282	282
Hong Kong $	14.25	13.50
Ireland Pr	1.225	1.165
Italy Lire	2445	2315
Japan Yen	237.50	221.50
Netherlands Gld	3.685	3.485
Norway Kr	12.10	11.50
Portugal Esc	270	256
South Africa Rd	4.65	4.15
Spain Pta	214.55	203.25
Sweden Kr	11.57	10.77
Switzerland Fr	2.76	2.60
USA $	1.845	1.75
Yugoslavia Dar	7800	5800

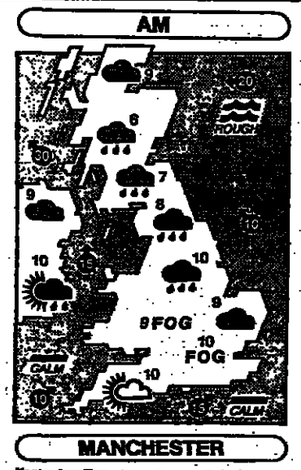
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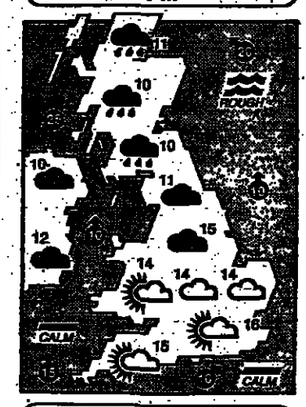
London: The *FT* Index closed down 3.2 at 1508.3.

New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed up 1.78 at 2182.97.

AM



PM



MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13 (55); min 6 pm to 6 am,11 (52). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.17 ins. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 6 pm, 16 (61); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12 (54). Humidity: 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.4 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1014.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.
Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, ; min 6 pm to 6 am, Humidity: 6 pm, per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, millibars,
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	16	59	s
Birmingham	12	54	c	Inverness	7	45	c
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	17	63	s
Bristol	14	57	c	London	14	57	c
Cardiff	14	57	c	Manchester	13	55	c
Edinburgh	11	52	r	Newcastle	11	52	r
Glasgow	11	52	r	Paldeway	13	55	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

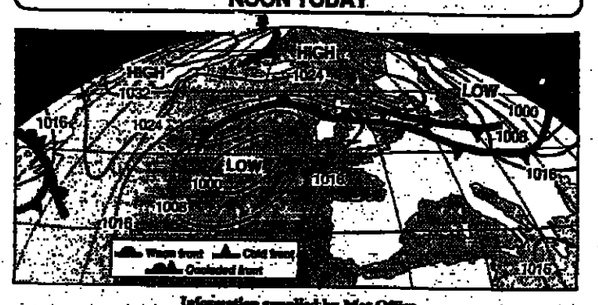
Saturday: Highest day temp: London, 18 (64); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland 10 (50); highest rainfall: Brawdy, Dyfed, 0.9 in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, East Sussex, and Belfast, 8.0 hr.

Sun rises: 6.40 am
Sun sets: 4.49 pm
Moon sets: 5.39 am
Moon rises: 4.09 pm
Full Moon Tomorrow

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.19 pm to 6.12 am
Bristol 5.26 pm to 6.22 am
Edinburgh 5.28 pm to 6.35 am
Manchester 5.22 pm to 6.25 pm
Penzance 5.43 pm to 6.31 am

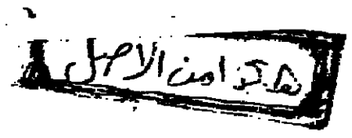
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USM (Datastream)	Trade-weighted
162.60 (+1.44)	76.4 (–0.5)

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Markets nervous over trade figures

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

The pound may come under further pressure in foreign exchange markets today as nervousness grows about Britain's trade figures due on Thursday.

Sterling fell by about 4 pfennigs against the mark on Friday after the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, indicated in a speech at the Mansion House that there would be no significant improvement in the current account before 1990.

Market forecasts for September are mostly clustered about the outturn for the previous month when there was a current account deficit of £1.31 billion. This was the second biggest monthly deficit.

Market analysts are worried that the postal strike may have artificially depressed the export figures. While the recording of imports is computerized, export forms are returned in the post.

Mr Keith Skeoch, of James Capel, the broker, said: "Markets are going to be nervous this week ahead of the trade figures. But I think the fall in sterling on Friday had as much to do with a weak dollar as a weak pound."

Few dealers are expecting another rise in interest rates, but if the pound falls further another rise in rates will become more likely. Mr Lawson made it clear recently that he would not hesitate to raise rates again if the pound came under sustained pressure.

The fall in the dollar has also renewed strains in the European Monetary System. A devaluation of the French franc against the mark has been expected for some time. But M Pierre Beregovoy, the French finance minister, remains strongly opposed to it and has made clear he will defend the franc by raising interest rates if necessary.

Traders are selling the dollar because they are worried a new US Administration will not take sufficiently radical action to bring down America's budget and trade deficits.

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Brent Walker to rebuild film industry

By Martin Waller

Mr George Walker, chairman of the Brent Walker property and entertainments group, wants to rebuild the British film industry around Elstree Studios, where he formally takes control on Friday.

Today, for the first time, Mr Walker reveals plans to relocate most of his film empire, including Goldcrest Films, to a 9-acre plot at Elstree, using funds generated by the redevelopment of the rest of the 30-acre site for retail and residential use.

Mr Walker is also thought to be talking to a large Hollywood company about its taking a minority stake in his remodelled film company. The US company is understood to own a substantial chain of cinemas in America, thus offering a guaranteed outlet for Walker's film productions in the world's most lucrative cinema market.

A deal could be signed by the end of this year, opening the way for an early flotation for the film company.

Mr Walker paid £5 million for Goldcrest in 1987, and, in the same year, took a 27 per cent stake in Trilion, the TV production company. Last month, Brent Walker agreed to buy a half-share in Elstree from its new owners, an unnamed property consortium fronted by Tranwood Earl, the merchant bank.

A new company, Mainray, jointly owned by Brent and Tranwood Earl's backers, takes possession of Elstree on Friday at a cost of £32 million, against the estimated £20 million Tranwood Earl had agreed to pay its former owner, Cannon, the cinema chain. This earlier sale brought a storm of protest in the film industry, fearing the studios might close to make way for property development.

A successful development of Elstree and relocation of Goldcrest would create a free-standing group with a fair claim to represent what is left of the British film industry.

By introducing an important US group Mr Walker would go some way to allaying City worries about the film industry, which it regards as high risk business. These fears have severely hit Brent Walker's stock market rating.

It would provide a source of external financing to be spent on future productions. And by linking up with a cinema owner, giving it an assured distribution network in the US, the restructured Goldcrest could hope to avoid the problems which brought down its predecessor.

For the time being, Mr Walker will only admit a desire to "tidy up" his film empire, which he concedes is "a bit of a mess at the moment."

The Brent Walker board was last week again thought to be considering buying out the outstanding shares in Trilion, worth about £25 million at the present market price.

At Elstree, Walker will act as primary developer of the 14 acres of residential and 7 acres of retail space. It will end up with the freehold of the studio, with the Tranwood Earl consortium as sleeping partner, taking its profit on the homes and shops.

Mr Walker plans to keep seven of the nine stages at the studio, which have witnessed the production of such cinematic landmarks as *Star Wars* and the *Indiana Jones* series, while building a TV studio.

The studio is assured of work — Goldcrest has two films at the casting stage, a supernatural story *Black Rainbow* and a thriller about a US presidential election, *Killing Time*, which will use its post-production facilities, while two Goldcrest TV films, on the artist Turner and a docu-drama on the Berlin airlift, will be largely made at Elstree.

Labour to respond after Barlow Clowes report



Investigation call: Sir Anthony Barrowclough QC, Ombudsman in the Barlow Clowes affair (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

Pressure intensifies for payout

By Lawrence Lever

Pressure on the Government to provide compensation to Barlow Clowes investors will intensify this week as the Opposition releases its conclusions from Sir Godfray Le Quesne's report of the Department of Trade and Industry's handling of the affair.

Conservative backbench MPs, who before having read the report gave Lord Young, the Trade and Industry Secretary, a stormy ride over his refusal to pay compensation, will return to the Commons today more fully aware of the report's contents.

Alexander Tatham & Co, the solicitor acting for Barlow Clowes investors, will release its critique on Sir Godfray's report this week. It will be sent to the Ombudsman, Sir Anthony Barrowclough QC, who will be asked to investigate the Barlow Clowes affair.

The Government is likely to be challenged over its claim that it had no way of knowing the offshore operations required a DTI licence. Lord Young said the Government had been misled into thinking the offshore operations were only marketed to expatriates, and therefore did not require a licence.

The DTI is likely to be criticized for its reaction to warnings about Barlow Clowes from senior officials at the Bank of England and the Stock Exchange before the firm was licensed and for failing to act quickly and decisively to warnings from the Bank between July and September last year.

These culminated in Sir George Blunden, the deputy Governor of the Bank, writing to the DTI reiterating the Bank's concerns that Barlow Clowes could precipitate "a major City scandal."

The DTI decision to renew Barlow Clowes's licence last October will also come under fire. At that time the DTI had decided an inquiry into the company was warranted.

● Mr Joe Bossano, Gibraltar's chief minister, said on BBC 2's *The Money Programme* last night that investors in the Gibraltar arm of Barlow Clowes might not have lost their money if he had been given adequate guidance from the DTI. His administration was not warned, he said, "until the very last minute when the news was almost public . . . I got to know something like 24 hours before it hit the headlines." With an earlier warning Gibraltar would have kept Clowes out of its territory, he said.

Questions over former S&N chief's role in Elders offer

By Michael Tate

Mr Peter Balfour, former chairman of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, will be pressed this week to clarify formally his position in relation to the £1.6 billion takeover bid for the McEwan's to Harp group from Elders IXL.

Mr Balfour, aged 67, is vice-chairman of Scotland's biggest bank, the Royal Bank of Scotland, which, it emerged at the weekend, is helping to finance the Elders bid.

Royal Bank's involvement in a politically sensitive bid for one of Scotland's few remaining big companies, is embarrassing to Mr Balfour, who was chairman and chief executive at S&N from 1970 to 1983, and is believed to have been seen playing golf this weekend with the present chairman, Mr Alick Rankin.

It is also likely to cause red faces at Noble Grossart, S&N's Scottish financial adviser, whose managing director, Mr Angus Grossart, is also a non-executive director of Royal Bank.

Another non-executive director at the bank, the Earl of Airlie, was a director of S&N.

The bank's association with Elders in the context of a bid for a Scottish company is bound to be controversial. The same may be said for Lord Airlie, Mr Balfour and Mr Grossart. They were not available for comment.

"It does seem somewhat strange," an S&N spokesman said, "but we would not want this development to deflect us from the main issue."

Meanwhile, S&N employees will today receive a letter from Mr Rankin, emphasizing his determination to fight the Australian predator.

"Elders would destroy the successful business we have built up over many years," he says, alleging Elders would sell off Thistle Hotels, most of S&N's pubs and the Pontin's business. It would also sell, or close, Waverley Breweries, rationalize the distribution fleet and "reduce our magnificent range of beers and lagers to concentrate on Foster's."

"The effect would be to leave us with a business concentrated only on the production and selling of beer, and particularly of Foster's lager."

● Mr Rankin claimed support for his view from an "independent" blind tasting at the Bannockburn's Tartan Arms pub, where patrons "blind tasted" six canned lagers. Overwhelming winner apparently was McEwan's, with Kestrel, another S&N brand, second. But Foster's came in third.

Opec draft on quotas referred

By Derek Harris

A new formula for reaching a compromise over the oil quotas of Iran and Iraq emerged in Madrid over the weekend at the close of a three-day meeting on the price and long-term strategy committees of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec).

The formula will go to a meeting of the committees on November 17 in Vienna.

The new formula was put forward by Iran's Mr Gholamreza Aqazadeh who suggested that Iran and Iraq be allowed to exclude domestic oil consumption from their quotas and instead adopt equal export quotas. What separated Iran and Iraq was the difference in domestic consumption levels, Opec sources said.

Iran uses about one million barrels per day while Iraqi domestic usage is about 300,000 bpd. Iran is proposing that the 700,000 bpd difference be reflected in their quotas.

In terms of the formula, if Iran's quota was 2.4 million bpd, Iraq's quota should be set at 1.7 million bpd. This, however, was unacceptable to Iraq, which pumps about 2.7 million bpd. Iran's output is about 2.4 million.

Superchannel fate in the balance

By Our City Staff

The fate of Superchannel, the European satellite channel, still hangs in the balance, despite last week's proposal by the Italian group, Videomusic, to take full control of the company.

Mr Richard Branson's Virgin group owns 45 per cent of Superchannel. He is considering bidding for the balance through a private company.

Inadequate advertising revenue and high costs have dogged Superchannel since its formation. It is estimated to be losing money at at rate of £1 million a month. The total investment in the project is £55 million.

Under Videomusic's ownership, Superchannel would change from being a general entertainment channel to providing popular music. However, under the Branson proposal, Superchannel would become an English-speaking international news and current affairs service. Ratings for Superchannel's news coverage, provided by ITV, are high.

Pillsbury prepares its defence

By Our City Staff

Pillsbury, the US food group on the receiving end of a $5.2 million (£2.95 million) bid from Grand Metropolitan, is expected to unveil details of a corporate strategy within the next few days as it sets out on its defence campaign.

Options available to Pillsbury range from a leveraged buyout or recapitalization to providing a detailed outline of the management's future business plans.

Shareholders in GrandMet will today be asked to approve its $60 a share bid at an extraordinary meeting.

The first closing date for the bid is November 1, but GrandMet may choose to extend it.

Pillsbury has written to its shareholders, claiming the GrandMet bid is inadequate.

Last week, Pillsbury withdrew plans to advertise extensively this week in the British press.

This change is understood to have come from within Pillsbury itself and was not, as had been rumoured, the result of pressure being put on the company by US regulatory authorities.

Decision expected tomorrow on referral to MMC

US backing for Minorco bid

By Alexandra Jackson

Minorco, the South African-controlled group making a £2.9 million takeover bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, has been cleared by the US authorities to proceed with its offer.

The deadline for the US regulatory authorities to invoke the Hartscott Rodino Anti-Trust Improvements Provision has passed. This has the same effect of a bid not being referred to the British Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Hank Slack, director of Minorco's North American operations, yesterday said: "ConsGold's management have consistently attempted to defend their poor record by raising political issues. We are greatly encouraged that the US authorities have recognized that these arguments are not valid and we are hopeful that very shortly the UK authorities will take a similar decision."

The Office of Fair Trading is due to submit its findings today to Lord Young, Secretary of State for the Department of Trade and Industry, as to whether the bid should be referred to the MMC. A statement is expected from Lord Young before 3pm tomorrow, the first closing date of Minorco's bid.

A full meeting of the Stock Exchange's Takeover Panel is also being held today and will deal with an appeal from ConsGold.

This follows its rejection last week of ConsGold's suggestion that the bid be frozen in the light of possible irregularities in share dealings before the Minorco bid and the appointment of DTI inspectors.

ConsGold is not expected to unveil details of its glittering asset valuation ahead of today's developments, saying it is not in its interest to release sensitive information ahead of a possible referral, thus playing into the hands of potential third-party bidders.

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Cheaper workforce will help keep prices down

Amstrad looks to China for labour

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Mr Alan Sugar, the dynamic head of Amstrad, is planning to use China's huge, and cheap, workforce to manufacture his audio products.

The move to China comes as Mr Sugar's traditional manufacturing centres — Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan — are demanding higher wages and shorter working hours.

Using the cheap labour of the Far East means Mr Sugar can keep his High Street prices down and turnover high. This month Amstrad reported profits for the year to end-June 18 per cent higher at £160.4 million.

Mr Sugar and his team travel throughout Asia looking for the cheapest sources of computers and hi-fis.

In Korea sub-contractors assemble IBM-compatible PCs and monitors, in Taiwan firms make monitors, Sinclair computers and hi-fi components, Japan produces custom chips, keyboards, compact disc mechanisms, and Mr Sugar's new video camera. His British workers make video recorders, televisions and audio equipment.

The Asian network of sub-contractors is masterminded from one floor in an office block in an unfashionable part of Kowloon's commercial district. Space is at a premium, and cost-conscious Mr Sugar packs together his 100 administrators, testers, quality control experts, engineers and designers, only two of whom are not Hong Kong Chinese.

Another 400 workers, mainly women, work on four floors of another block making up to 50,000 dot matrix printers a month, computer modems, and manufacturing millions of the small computer "mice" designed in Hong Kong.

The firm has spent three years looking at China as a manufacturing centre, but only recently has it decided that firms there can be trusted with making products that can be sold to sophisticated European consumers.

Amstrad has a team of inspectors who travel the region making sure that the sub-contractors are up to scratch. Once they pick on a suitable factory, Amstrad moves in *en masse*, laying down production lines and techniques, and setting up stringent quality controls.

Mr Stan Randall, Amstrad's managing director in Hong Kong, said the firm is concentrating on seven factories in Foshan, about an hour's drive from Guangdong in the south of China. By the middle of next year up to 800 workers will be making Amstrad products there.

Amstrad should be producing its first fully cabinetted product from China next year. "The problem at the moment is that they are not renowned for their woodworking ability and so we are having to watch them very carefully," Mr Randall said.

Although labour rates in China are about one fifth of Hong Kong's, manufacturing on the mainland means higher service and transport costs. The big advantage is flexibility.

The cheap, flexible and plentiful workforce means that China could soon take the place of other more developed countries in Asia as Amstrad's main source of supply.

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Polly Peck issue clears air

The market should be able to heave a sigh of relief now that Polly Peck International has cleared the air with its long-expected rights issue.

Analysts were worried about the group's gearing level, which they suspected was more than 100 per cent two months ago. This has been a significant factor in holding back the share price.

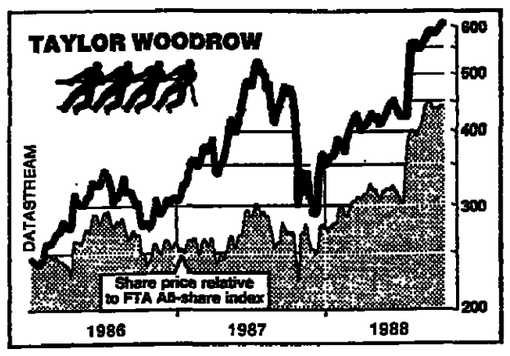
The immediate effect of the £133 million rights issue will be to reduce gearing to 60 per cent – still high, but manageable. However, the dividend forecast for 1989 has been *pitched at a level that should* ensure holders of the £38 million convertible loan stock will convert next year. This will further reduce gearing to below 40 per cent, depending on the rate of acquisitions.

Polly Peck, therefore, will have plenty of room for manoeuvre in its chosen growth areas; specifically, agricultural produce in the US, through Prevor Marketing International based in New York, and in Europe, through Jas van den Brink, a Rotterdam importer with 100 greengrocers in the Netherlands and West Germany.

As the group reduces its dependence on Turkey and the Middle East it is gradually clawing its way up the ratings table. As recently as 1986, 80 per cent of its turnover came from these areas. By the first half of this year, the proportion had fallen to 36 per cent, with 34 per cent in Europe and 23 per cent in the US.

Based on the company's profits forecast of £142.5 million for the 16 months to December 31 Polly Peck should make annualized earnings per share of at least 44p for the 12 months to December 31. This puts the shares on a prospective multiple of seven times earnings.

Apart from temporary weakness, while the market digests the new shares, the re-rating process should continue. Unless, that is, Polly Peck does something silly, like bidding for Borthwicks.



Taylor Woodrow

Analysts have long claimed that the full merit of Taylor Woodrow's property assets are inadequately reflected in a share price more appropriate for a pure contractor.

Taylor Woodrow's conservative style, particularly in its relationship with the City, makes it harder to unearth the group's hidden treasures.

However, in the light of P&O's 10 per cent holding in Taylor Woodrow, Mr Fred Wellings, construction guru at CL Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the broker, has ventured to put on record a realistic valuation.

Making reasoned estimates of the value of hidden assets such as the group's substantial international land bank and its sand and gravel reserves, as well as taking a careful look at the broad-reaching property portfolio, he assesses both the asset base and the next two years' earnings stream.

This process values Taylor Woodrow's assets at just over 800p. The current share price stands at a 24 per cent discount to this asset value, while the group's last stated asset value of 383p is less than half the Laing & Cruickshank figure.

Guesses have been made before now suggesting a take-out price at around these levels, but these have built in some bid premium.

The Laing & Cruickshank valuation, however, scrutinizes the bones of the business on its earning potential alone.

Pre-tax profits, which were £73.1 million last year, are forecast to rise from £108 million this year to £138 million and £158 million in 1989 and 1990 respectively. The shares sell on a prospective p/e ratio of 13.7 times while compound earnings growth over the three years is 28 per cent.

P&O has said its intentions are honourable, but only time will tell. To remain merely a passive shareholder would be an extravagent way of spending £100 million, though the pros and cons of taking over a contract-oriented company are well known.

Mountleigh

Highly geared property companies with low yielding assets have a problem. The income from their portfolio can be barely enough to match the interest on their borrowings.

Groups with a bent towards trading properties, such as Mountleigh, can go some way to alleviating the situation by selling assets. But this puts a strain on the management to keep coming up with the requisite number of deals each year and devalues the earnings quality. It also erodes the existing income stream as often higher yielding properties are easier to sell.

Of Mountleigh's portfolio, worth about £1.2 billion, approaching one third is tied up in Spanish properties, the most problematic being Galerias Preciados. Another couple of million was tied up in Paternoster Square, sold as part of a £318 million package last week. These properties alone are estimated to have been yielding under 3 per cent.

The sale of the Paternoster parcel and the £160 million proceeds from Stockley Park will halve gearing, taking it down to under 50 per cent. But there is still a lot of work to do to get Mountleigh's asset value and earnings at a level to comfort the sceptics.

The new chief executive, John Duggan, has recognized the importance of refocusing Mountleigh on assets rather than earnings. But it may take *some time for this strategy to* work its way through.

The asset value is presently estimated to be at worst 200p and perhaps as high as 225p. This places the shares on an 18 per cent discount to prospective nav, not noticeably out of line with the sector.

Until the new-look Mountleigh proves itself, it seems that rumours of a management buyout or a bid will dominate the share's performance.

US NOTEBOOK

Markets would face ruin if Bush loses

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The Presidential election has disappeared from the front pages and has mostly disappeared from thinking in the financial market, which is convinced Mr George Bush has won.

If he were not to win, the market would be ruined for a time. The currency markets are also convinced Mr Bush will win and that the US will return to the Baker-Darmon policy of undermining the dollar.

Just in case . . . several large takeovers are being rushed through, notably the RJR Nabisco leveraged buyout and the Philip Morris-Kraft deal. Any thought these immense corporations will have problems in meeting the burdensome interest payments on the debt has been put aside.

The improvement in the medium-term bond market in the past three months would certainly encourage such a blissful attitude.

An investor in a three-month bill over the past three months would have made about 7 per cent a year total return. But someone who bought a 10-year US note on July 21 would have made a total return of approximately 25 per cent a year.

Thus, the favoured 1987 investment strategy – stay in cash – is not working in the second half of 1988.

Already some institutional investors have realized they could have done better than stay in cash. But they are comforted by the relatively high return on cash and by the shocks that continue to unnerve the financial markets.

Much of the jitters start from the grim realization that America is no longer master of her own fate.

Now there is another run on the dollar.

Many believe that when the third-quarter real GNP numbers are reported on Wednesday they will show third-quarter growth in excess of 3.5 per cent a year and that the result will be another fall in bond prices and another emanation of fear that the Federal Reserve will further restrict the availability of cash.

With a prime rate of 10 per cent and a 10-year US note yield of 8.8 per cent, the yield curve for most ordinary people is into negative territory.

GILT-EDGED

Bull case rests on the bear case in equities

All markets look expensive relative to cash at the moment, but some look more expensive than others.

Equities, which compare well in yield terms with long gilts, look expensive relative to the current level of base rates. If base rates do go up again equities could look very expensive indeed. The gap between equity yields and base rates, already historically wide, would be pushed to historic extremes by 14 per cent base rates.

However, while equity yields are near historic extremes against base rates, gilt yields are already at the extremes of the past decade. On this basis, gilts look the more expensive. At this point the typical gilt fund manager points out that the funding situation is now so unusual that it easily justifies the yield curve's current downward slope.

As Mr Lawson said at the Mansion House: "Last year, for only the second occasion since our Queen ascended the throne, this country secured a Budget surplus. This year that surplus will be even larger. And I intend to see that there is a substantial surplus next year, too."

With a public sector surplus it is quite natural to have a change in the historic relationship between gilt yields and short-term interest rates. The simple judgement that gilts look expensive may thus be over-simple.

The funding argument for gilts is so well rehearsed by now that one must begin to assume that it is already discounted in gilt prices. There may have been the odd fear during the approach to the Mansion House speech that policy might be about to lapse into over-funding, but the gilt market has talked of little else but the marvellous funding outlook for months.

A gilts bull thus needs a new theme. At this point he might hope for US bond yields to fall after the election, giving a cue for British gilt yields to do likewise. However, with bond yields in the US already back below 9 per cent, there are few grounds for optimism.

The bull case for gilts thus now seems to concentrate on a bear case for equities. It holds that British policy is going to move strongly against inflation. The exchange rate will be held up regardless of the cost in terms of short-term interest rates and growth will collapse. On this view equities look exposed. Institutions will thus rebuild gilt holdings. Against the funding background this is seen by the bulls as enough to take gilt yields down to 8.5 per cent or less next year.

It is a fairly dramatic story. Fortunately, there is every sign from the Chancellor at the Mansion House that he is looking for a much more gradualist solution.

Thus the trade account is not expected to improve significantly before 1990. Perhaps more importantly, the Chancellor spoke of another year of "perfectly respectable growth" next year. The factor bailing out the British economy recently has been very strong productivity growth. A dramatic switch to a very tight policy would threaten this and bring higher inflation. The risk that productivity growth might collapse next year is far greater than the risk of a further rise in wage settlements, and the Treasury seems to recognize this. Now is the time for the longer-term view.

Unfortunately, this leaves the gilt market next year confronted by continuing trade deficits offset by high base rates and, inevitably, doubts about sterling. The market has survived that background this autumn and could do the same next year, but it still hardly sounds like a recipe for a large fall in gilt yields.

The market thus looks stuck at about current levels. If this is the case, one has to say that gilts yielding less than 10 per cent do look expensive relative to cash rates at about 12 per cent. Institutional requirements force many investors to remain in long gilts. For any investor free of these requirements a switch into cash has much to recommend it.

George Hodgson
Chief Economist, Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers

HK and Shanghai Hotels fights new takeover bid

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The powerful Kadoorie family found itself in its second fight for control of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, which owns the Crown Colony's prestigious Peninsula Hotel, over the weekend.

Only 18 months ago the family fought off two corporate raiders, Thomas and Joseph Lau, but lost HK$120 million (£8.6 million) buying back the Lau brothers' stake.

On Friday the family vowed to fight off a takeover bid from Cathay City, a local property company. Backed by the immense wealth of the old Chinese Lo family, it is offering HK$4.80 plus one of its own shares for each share in Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels.

With Cathay City trading at HK$1.50 before suspension on Tuesday, the deal values the hotels' group at HK$6.3 billion and is a 30 per cent premium to its last share price of HK$4.825.

The hostile takeover bid follows a friendly approach earlier in the week when Cathay City offered HK$4.50 a share plus one of its own shares.

Last night Mr William Mocatta, Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels director, said: "The board is unanimous in rejecting the offer as being totally unacceptable. It seriously undervalues the company."

After fighting off the Lau brothers last year, Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels arranged for its 34.9 per cent stake to be placed with a wide range of institutions, even taking a roadshow to Britain and America to promote the shares. "Last year we had 300 shareholders, this year we have 13,500," Mr Mocatta said.

Mr Lo Yuk-sui, chairman of Cathay City and Regal Hotels, which owns more hotel rooms in Hong Kong than any other group, already owns 1 per cent of Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels shares.

Production soars at re-equipped pit

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

British Coal, now an official candidate for privatization, has announced that one of its oldest pits has broken production records after being re-equipped.

The 80-year-old Maltby Colliery in South Yorkshire is now one of Britain's most productive and is aiming to haul over two million tonnes of coal to the surface each year.

A new shaft, which is one of the largest in the country and was sunk at a cost of £150 million, is allowing British Coal to exploit rich seams containing 50 million tonnes of coal. New equipment, which hauls coal to the surface at a rate of 50,000 tonnes a day, is the first of its kind in the world and by 1990 the adjoining shaft at the mine is also to be re-equipped.

Maltby produces coal for the power generating industry, but 10 per cent of its output is still supplied to the domestic trade in the north of England and Northern Ireland, one of the most important domestic coal markets in the world.

● A new coal mine which is to be inaugurated in Ayrshire today and will supply Northern Ireland, is the first deep-mined pit to be privatized since nationalization of the sector in 1947 and is being seen by the Government as a forerunner to privatization of the industry.

USM REVIEW

Angel helps Harmony to build up hotel group

By Carol Leonard and Michael Clark

Harmony Leisure Group, the pub and restaurant chain, last week took another significant step towards establishing a major hotel chain when it bought the Angel Hotel, Northampton, from Mr John Bairstow's Queens Moat Houses for £750,000.

Queens Moat is Harmony's biggest independent shareholder with a 14.9 per cent stake. But Mr Stanley Lever, chairman of Harmony, said that this was just a coincidence: "They already had a bidder lined up, but he couldn't come up with the money. So we came up with it instead".

Harmony already owns the three-star Crown hotel at Chiddingfold, near Guildford, Surrey, and has applied for planning permission to build four motel units on existing premises. "They will be like motels but not budget in style," he explains.

Harmony has no borrowings and is considering a revaluation of its properties. Mr Lever says: "It's the age-old question – how much is a property worth and how much is a property group worth?"

However, analysts reckon Harmony's assets could be worth 55p a share. Not bad for a company whose shares are still trading at just 60p.

Ford Seller Morris, the property development and investment group, finished the week on a high note helped by a bullish circular from Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, who rates the shares a "strong buy."

BZW says the sale of its retail division means FSM can now concentrate entirely on property with the aim of achieving strong asset backing while generating "a stream of earnings from development sales."

The acquisition of Centrovincial provided it with an investment portfolio worth £51 million and rent roll of more than £3 million. There is further scope for improving rental income and capital values. The broker expects the underlying asset value to rise to around 120p a share by the spring and pre-tax profits in the current year to grow from £3.5 million to £11 million.

Com-Tek Resources, which published its prospectus for an introduction to the USM on Friday, has the distinction of being the first Nasdaq-quoted company to seek a listing here.

Based in Colorado in the US, Com-Tek is involved in oil and gas exploration and development in the US and Canada. As well as trading in oil and gas leases it also participates with others in the drilling of exploratory and development wells.

As well as the introduction, sponsored by Baynard Securities (London) and Charlton Seal, the company is placing 6.5 million shares at 16.5p each.

The money raised will be used both as working capital to fund a number of current projects and for acquisitions.

Com-Tek was founded in 1980 by Mr Jim Ellerton, aged 44, its chairman, and Mr Tony Ashton.

In the nine months to June 30, 1988, Com-Tek turned over $313,000 (£177.84 *million) but made profits of only* $47,000 and a net loss per share before and after taxation of $0.03.

PRESELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR UPGRADING AND PERIODIC ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK

The Ministry of Public Works of the Democratic Republic of Madagascar invites bidders to submit preselection applications for tender offers on the upgrading and periodic maintenance work of the VIth Highway Project funded by the International Development Association with co-financed Swiss funding supervised by this Association.

The work concerns paved roads, earthen roads and agricultural feeder roads.

Only firm or groups from Switzerland, Taiwan or World Bank members countries shall be allowed to submit applications for the present preselection invitation.

Applications shall be submitted by 5.p.m. Madagascar time on December 1st, 1988.

Preselection specifications indicating the information to be [illegible] to panacoate in the present preselection invitation, as well as the tender specifications, can be consulted at :

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
7,077,000	A & M Gp	11½	+1½	..	..	..
32.4m	ASD	453	+55	14.0	3.1	12.7
6,470,000	ATA Selection	77	..	2.6	3.7	16.8
11.9m	Aber Pet	19	..	..	..	..
7,800,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	65	-1	2.0	3.1	16.0
22.5m	Acal	168	..	4.7	2.8	13.3
16.5m	Acorn Comp	57	..	..	..	..
28.1m	Acsis Group	66	+1	..	..	83.5
15.1m	Arrapuno	135	..	6.6	4.9	10.2
3,147,000	Allied Ins	99	..	5.2	5.4	10.8
7,167,000	Alt Restaurants	55	+10	2.3	3.5	10.0
47.4m	Amer Bus Sys	127	..	2.3	1.8	13.5
10.3m	Antler	176	..	4.8	2.7	14.4
39.3m	App Holographics	272	+2	..	..	..
92.4m	Aran Energy	57	..	..	..	58.2
38.8m	Ashtead	520	+5	5.3	1.0	17.0
52.1m	Aspen Comms	500	+10	7.3p	1.5	22.0
175.0m	Astrey	550	+2	6.3	1.9	14.8
4,571,000	Assoc Energy	66	+10	..	..	66.8
7,522,000	Assoc Nursing	138	..	2.7	2.0	17.7
10.6m	Atlantic Sec	63	..	..	..	..
3,943,000	Avesco	250	+28	10.7	4.1	13.9
6,580,000	Axiomegar	115	..	8.7	7.6	17.5
2,943,000	BBB Design	36	..	2.0	5.6	8.7
9,953,000	BDS	32	+2	1.3	4.1	51.8
14.2m	BET Group	130	..	4.3	3.3	19.0
3,808,000	BTS Gp	74	+1	5.7	7.7	47.1
10.3m	BWD	110	..	5.0	4.5	8.9
20.5m	Bakercorp	238	..	7.6	3.2	15.3
3,943,000	Bayford (William)	55	..	3.0p	5.4	7.7
6,012,000	Bensons Crisps	81	..	11	14	15.9
6,050,000	Berry Birch & Noble	190	..	6.0	3.0	10.1
4,215,000	Bibby&Sons'shares	100	..	5.8	5.8	12.5
5,225,000	Bio Isolates	30	..	..	..	..
10.2m	Bmec Inds	27	..	..	..	..
3,506,000	Blancheris	51	..	..	..	..
78.1m	Blenheim Exhib	870	..	7.1	1.2	50.7
21.2m	Bondwick Toys	280	..	8.3	3.2	10.4
3,744,000	Border TV	97	..	2.3	6.2	8.8
56.7m	Borland	163	..	..	..	..
9,038,000	Breemeter	12	..	..	..	15.8
7,355,000	Brookstock	210	..	11.7	5.5	35.1
16.0m	Br Isotest	88	..	2.7	3.0	19.3
15.6m	Bristol St	57	..	1.9	2.7	33.3
97.3m	Brookmount Land	350	..	4.3	1.2	19.4
55.7m	Brymount	505	..	7.0	1.4	16.4
15.3m	Buis Resources	50	..	..	..	2.7
45.8m	Burford	373	-15	2.0	0.5	42.9
10.6m	C&A Productions	96	..	4.3	4.2	28.2
17.9m	CCC	133	+10	4.3	3.2	8.5
23.3m	CML Micro	138	..	1.9	1.4	15.5
8,279,000	CPV Comp	48	..	..	..	14.9
21.5m	Cadcam Sec	105	..	2.9	2.8	19.2
	Cairn Energy	550	+2	..	..	..
2,549,000	Caledonian	150	..	..	..	..
19.1m	Calo & Regional	138	..	0.5	0.4	48.1
13.9m	Camford Pharma	139	..	4.7	3.4	..
9,929,000	Castle Comm	350	..	9.5	3.7	14.1
20.5m	Cavalry	96	..	0.8	1.4	13.7
9,700,000	Cavenra Motor	97	+4	3.3p	3.4	15.4
14.0m	Chelsea Man	130	..	3.9	3.0	14.1
15.7m	Chesargrave Gp	150	..	4.0	3.0	15.0
2,567,000	Cifer	1	..	..	..	7.5
6,594,000	Cimsorpt	123	..	2.6	2.1	8.2
32.2m	Cityfare	213	..	11.0	3.5	10.7
7,523,000	Cityplex Cp	511	..	5.0	1.6	..
6,000,000	City of Lon	78	..	2.5	2.9	11.5
37.2m	Clarkson	182	..	5.3	2.9	..
12.3m	Clerke Hooper	148	..	4.0	2.7	12.6
8,869,000	Cloptal Stor	19	..	..	..	..
5,307,000	Cluff Resources	91	..	..	..	..
6,421,000	Coated Electrodes	45	..	..	..	20.8
21.1m	Colors Emerald	24	..	..	..	..
2,667,000	Colorgen Inc	24	..	..	..	..
26.5m	Colorgraphic	221	..	6.4	2.9	17.9
48.6m	Colorprint	263	-10	5.7	1.5	33.8
9,952,000	Col of Designers	78	..	2.9	3.7	9.4
12.8m	Comcraft	46	..	..	..	..
10.6m	Comcy Pet	36	..	..	..	..
23.0m	Cons Tern Inns	47	..	..	..	..
9,441,000	Conti Microwave	177	+2	4.2	2.4	11.8
37.0m	Cook (DG)	153	..	3.8	2.5	11.1
12.0m	Copyrome	111	+2	2.7	2.4	12.6
22.7m	Corporate Proj	83	..	2.3	2.7	21.8
22.1m	Corson Sch	66	..	0.7	1.1	11.3
11.7m	Cranchorn	385	..	7.3	1.9	19.1
6,913,000	Cranbrook	73	..	0.7	1.0	37.2
5,644,000	Cr Swab	83	..	2.4	2.9	11.0
4,306,000	Crison Lodge	75	..	3.3	4.4	10.5
29.7m	Crogmor Ldge	458	..	7.2	1.6	19.8
33.6m	Crown Corr	198	-10	..	..	..
5,302,000	Davies (DH)	132	-2	5.3	5.3	15.2
12.7m	Dean & Bowes	161	+1	6.0	3.7	18.9
4,085,000	Delmar	58	..	3.1	5.3	11.6
7,287,000	Dennens Elec	165	+1	5.5	3.3	10.4
62.0m	Denway Warren	118	..	..	..	..
37.2m	Dolphin Packaging	193	-2	4.3	2.2	30.2
25.2m	Drack	402	+9	8.3	2.1	12.6
11.5m	Dunlop	39½	..	1.9	2.7	13.0
4,938,000	Dudley Jenkins	113	..	2.7	2.4	16.4
11.4m	Durham (DG)	90	+1	..	..	..
8,625,000	Eaga	51	+1	2.2	4.3	28.6
12.3m	Econ Forestry	86	..	4.0	4.5	12.4
3,999,000	Edin Oil & Gas	20	..	..	..	..
45.7m	Elandge Pope 'A'	555	+5	11.0	1.8	24.4
74.9m	Electron House	145	..	6.0	4.1	11.4
18.6m	Elmer	130	-1	6.4	4.9	10.8
15.6m	Eve Group	169	..	8.0	4.7	9.6
8,564,000	Expedair Leisure	123	..	2.9	2.4	..
35.5m	Expro Hldgs	82	-2	..	..	..
9,187,000	F & H Group	70	..	..	..	..
15.6m	Fairview Int	147	..	..	..	..
4,582,000	Fairey London	58	..	3.3	5.7	9.8
5,076,000	Fastpace	89	..	3.3	5.5	19.2
11.2m	Fairview Mining	38	..	..	..	..
6,838,000	Fellowmon	11	..	..	..	6.0
72.0m	Fields (WM)	48	..	..	..	..
15.1m	Filtrat	136	..	4.3	4.1	10.2
48.2m	Fingland	21	-1	..	..	..
11.2m	Finnison	51	..	..	..	..
46.2m	Finpac	237	+17	..	..	..
19.9m	First Energy	297	..	..	..	..
48.6m	First Spec	174	+1	3.3	2.4	15.5
1.3m	Fortune Gp	185	..	4.0	2.4	15.6
12.5m	Freeman Gp	221	..	3.6	4.1	11.9
19.6m	French Johns	126	..	7.0	5.6	8.2
81.0m	Fraser Smith A	655	..	4.8	1.2	23.1
42.5m	Do Ins	595	-20	..	..	..
5,308,000	GC Footing	53	..	2.7	5.1	38.1
15.0m	Gestetner	133	..	5.3	4.0	9.0
11.6m	Gardner (DC)	165	..	2.7	1.7	18.4
3,229,000	Gibson Lyons	156	-7	6.0	3.8	14.0
19.3m	Glass Meyer	279	..	6.0	2.2	28.2
4,889,000	Gleeve Gp	74	..	4.0	5.4	9.8
46.0m	Godwin Warren	1	..	2.9t	..	0.3
11.2m	Gramyre Surface	80	..	4.0	5.0	11.2
21.7m	Great Southern	220	..	6.4	3.6	14.9
17.1m	Green (Ernest)	253	..	6.3	2.8	12.1
2,450,000	Greenwich Cable	85	..	..	..	..
14.1m	Guesthouse	255	..	1.9	3.0	15.4
29.8m	Hall Homes	200	..	6.1	3.1	24.8
8,583,000	Hampden Homecare	85	..	2.4	2.8	10.6
11.5m	Handley Walker	181	+1	6.1	2.8	20.2
15.8m	Hanway Leisure	91	+1	5.1	2.4	73.5
12.4m	Hatfield Estates	165	..	2.0	1.2	..
98.7m	Hawthorn Leslie	48½	..	6.3	0.6	48.5
9,486,000	Health Care	69	+3	1.5	1.9	13.8
4,398,000	Heavitree	130	..	10.5	5.0	22.4
7,807,000	Do 'A' LV	740	..	16.5	2.2	19.9
8,586,000	Hewetson	135	..	4.0	3.2	13.8
10.6m	Hey & Croft	90	-2	2.1	2.3	10.6
78.4m	Highland Fibre	244	+15	..	..	..
6,005,000	Hills Ergonom	53	..	2.8	5.5	13.7
10.7m	Hobson	288	..	0.7	2.4	10.7
38.1m	Hodgson	185	-3	3.5	1.7	17.2
4,350,000	Holdene Tech	145	..	6.0	5.5	..
10.8m	Honeysuckle Gp	133	..	7.5	5.6	9.5
17.7m	Hornby	221	..	5.3	2.4	15.3
45.3m	Hughes Food	62	..	2.9	3.2	13.1
27.0m	Hughes (HT)	147	..	3.0	2.0	33.9
8,586,000	Humbrol Elec	22	-1	..	..	..
4,827,000	Hunsleigh Tech	57	..	..	..	74.9
20.1m	Hunting	98	..	3.3	3.5	18.1
1,484,000	Image Storage	78	..	..	..	..
6,587,000	Imsic	9½	..	..	..	..
4,743,000	InfraRed	71	..	..	..	..
10.1m	Inoco	81	..	..	..	78.4
5,980,000	Interserope Tech	115	+7	6.5	7.4	12.6
41.9m	Interlink Express	258	+25	9.2	3.6	11.1
8,589,000	Int Media	20½	..	..	..	..
16.4m	Intnl Mach Ll	92	..	0.8	3.6	19.0
11.2m	JMD Group	43	..	..	..	..
33.9m	Jaques Vert	370	+2	11.3	3.1	13.2
2,240,000	Jetsave	14	..	..	..	..
15.1m	Jomesa Fry	110	..	3.7	3.4	13.3
10.8m	Johnstones Paints	103	+2	6.4	6.2	9.2
13.7m	JSB Elec	262	+7	4.4	1.7	25.3
5,850,000	Just Rubber	78	..	2.8	3.6	12.0
39.1m	Kenyon Secs	172	+1	5.0	2.9	11.5
12.6m	Kewill Systems	212	+10	2.9	1.4	18.4
6,538,000	Kiark-Texnik	41	..	1.7	4.1	10.5
10.9m	Knotts & Knockers	131	..	2.7	2.1	18.0
28.1m	Kode	42	..	1.4	3.4	12.5
5,514,000	LPA Ind	66	..	4.0	5.8	12.0
7,663,000	Ladbw Thomson	112	..	8.5	5.8	9.4
7,549,000	Lambert	130	+20	11.3	8.7	6.7
22.2m	Lamont Pic	89	..	3.3	3.7	18.1
20.2m	Lawrstar	85	..	3.5	4.2	10.2
11.4m	Lincat	178	+10	4.9	2.9	18.6
6,528,000	Lincoln Hse	64	..	..	..	..
14.9m	Lodge Cars	218	..	3.7	1.7	31.1
9,928,000	Lon & Clydesde	105	..	7.8	7.2	12.2
167.6m	Lon Forfaiting	167	+4	6.8	4.1	9.8
4,409,000	Manchester Pet	41	..	..	..	41.5
7,812,000	Mc Cash & Carry	93	+10	5.2	5.6	12.9
16.0m	MMT Comp	158	..	7.7	4.9	23.1
14.9m	MTL Instruments	57	-2	2.7	3.1	13.3
12.3m	McLaughlin & Har	52	+2	1.3	2.1	14.4
14.6m	Magnetic Materials	63	..	3.5	4.7	41.5
7,210,000	Maximet	140	..	2.3	1.6	21.0
11.7m	March Gp	72	..	2.1	2.7	8.5
53.0m	Marston Dev	422	..	1.3	0.3	..
1,870,000	Maxsprint	17	..	..	..	..
14.0m	Maxtorm	73	+14	4.8	6.6	9.0
7,088,000	Memory Comp	34	..	..	..	34.5
2,342,000	Merrydn Int Hldgs	18	..	..	..	..
29.6m	Merwer-Swain	268	+8	5.3	2.0	17.9
22.9m	Merchant Mint Ex	83	..	4.0	4.8	8.8
15.3m	MerryDown Wine	45	+10	7.1	15.8	20.3
11.6m	Metal Bulletin	135	..	8.7	6.0	18.2
17.6m	Metsec	138	..	4.6	3.3	13.6
13.5m	Micrelec	108	+2	3.0p	2.8	19.5
32.5m	Microsystems	236	..	4.0	1.7	10.7
11.1m	Microvisc	41	..	2.3	5.6	12.4
9,286,000	Midward Brown	132	-1	4.4	3.3	11.0
27.1m	Miles World	453	+8	10.7	2.4	19.1
48.4m	Mitys	362	..	4.3	1.2	28.8
14.2m	Mobile Visions	67½	..	..	..	..
15.5m	Models & Crane	96	+4	2.5	2.1	11.0
6,187,000	Moorgate	98	..	3.6	2.4	23.1
7,759,000	Morris Ashby	95	..	3.3	3.5	12.1
25.0m	Morrell	214	-1	6.1	2.8	23.2
7,900,000	Mosaic	117	..	4.0	3.4	13.4
25.4m	New England Props	23½	..	..	..	22.2
265.0m	Do 10%	235	..	10.0	10.5	..
18.5m	Newalls Trans	168	..	4.7	3.0	18.7
40.3m	Norfolk House	168	..	4.0	1.5	..
4,019,000	Norbain	58	..	0.9	1.6	..
30.6m	Nth Sea & Gen	35	-1	0.7	2.0	13.9
15.0m	Northumbrian Fins	110	..	2.7	2.5	16.1
5,628,000	ORS	79	..	..	..	..
2,800,000	Optomatrica	28	..	..	..	..
8,536,000	Orchid Tech	156	..	..	..	..
66.8m	Osborne & Little	245	..	6.7	2.7	13.3
5,414,000	PCI	122	..	5.7	4.7	14.3
18.4m	PML	42	..	1.7e	4.0	11.5
3,807,000	Pacer Systems	78	..	..	..	..
30.7m	Pacific Sales	252	..	3.0	1.2	37.8
57.5m	Parkway	230	+10	1.8	0.7	35.8
4,774,000	Pathfinders	20	..	0.4	2.0	18.0
3,528,000	Pavon	54	..	..	..	..
16.1m	Pearce	305	..	3.5	1.3	19.1
77.6m	Pepe Group	332	..	6.6	1.2	14

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Lucas Industries hopes strong performance will ward off bid

TODAY

Speculators have been chasing the shares of Lucas Industries, the engineering group, higher on hopes of a bidder — Siemens and Rockwell being the favourites — waiting patiently in the wings. If this is the case, Lucas will be keen to reveal an impressive set of annual results.

Lucas produced a 33 per cent rise in pre-tax profits at the half-way stage — but analysts are not expecting such a strong performance in the second half. Chase Manhattan Securities, the US broker, is looking for a 25 per cent increase in the final six months to £143 million.

Chase reckons that aerospace profits may be only slightly ahead for the year, while the group's automotive businesses, which produced a 31 per cent advance in trading profits at the interim stage, should have made substantial progress in the seasonally-stronger second half, even though losses at the Greenville plant in the US are likely to have continued at about last year's levels.

Lucas's industrial equipment and systems companies should also continue to produce a strong coinbination of organic and acquisition growth.

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Lowland Investment Company, Lucas Industries, Scottish Metropolitan Property.

TOMORROW

The share price of Beazer, the construction and aggregates group, has suffered as a result of the group's audacious and highly-leveraged takeover of Koppers, America's second largest aggregates producer, and so shareholders are looking for an impressive set of annual results today to help promote a recovery.

Analysts' forecasts range between £99 million and £105 million pre-tax against £72.3 million.



Bob Gavron: profits of £22 million forecast



Denys Henderson: hoping for shares boost

The British housing division should have made a trading profit of £55 million and the US side about £4 million. Helped by the completion of the £200 million management contract for Gatwick's North Terminal, Beazer's contracting arm looks set for a good year.

It is also possible that Beazer will give details of the planned sale of Kopper's chemical operations. Analysts calculate that these could fetch anything between $600 million (£341 million) and $900 million.

Mr Bob Gavron's St Ives Group, the fast-growing printer, will report figures for the year to end-July.

The half-year figures were hit by £1.56 million of redundancy costs at Burrups, the security printer taken over just before the stock market crash. Mr Eric de Bellaigue, an analyst at CIBC Securities, believes that profits from property disposals should have wiped this out.

Mr de Bellaigue is expecting pre-tax profits of about £22 million this time, up from £13.77 million, with much of the gain coming from St Ives's hectic acquisition programme.

Interims: Boosey & Hawkes, Forward Group, FR Group, Moss Bros Group, NMW Computers, St Ives Group, Shell Oil, Value and Income Trust, Vanbrugh Currency Fund, Vivat Holdings, Wooltons Betterware Group.
Finals: Beazer, Bennett & Fountain Group, Frederick Cooper, Ensign Trust, Pressac Holdings, Regina Health & Beauty Products.

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Chelsea Artisans, B Elliott, English National Investment Company, Geers Gross, Lawrie Group, Rand Mines Properties, Shiloh.
Finals: Henry Barrett Group, International City Holdings, Overseas Investment Trust, Union Carbide, Wolseley.

THURSDAY

Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's biggest industrial manufacturer and the market bellwether, where Mr Denys Henderson is chairman, announces third-quarter figures and the bulls are obviously hoping they will be good enough to give share prices a further lift across the board.

Mr David Ingles, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell Securities, recently raised his forecast for the full year from £1,450 million to £1,480 million and reckons ICI will report third-quarter profits in the region of £350 million (compared with £313 million last year), taking the nine-month total up to £1,133 million (£1,004 million).

He believes the results should not disappoint and says trading conditions have remained favourable through the seasonally weak third quarter. There has been no slackening in demand and, with supply remaining tight for many bulk products, margins are not under pressure.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, forecasts third-quarter profits of £345 million on a turnover of £2,855 million and expects the full-year outcome to reach £1,470 million.

A good set of interim results is expected from Redland, the roof tiles, aggregates and bricks group. The company changed its year-end so that the half-year figures will include British results for the six months to the end of June.

Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of about £100 million against £75.3 million for the period to end-September 1987.

British trading conditions remained excellent in the second quarter with demand particularly strong in the important South-east market.

Prices for both aggregates and bricks were raised in the first half, boosting profit margins.

Tie Rack, the niche retailer brought to the market in June last year, was the subject of a recommendation from BZW at the end of last week, before interim figures to end-July.

BZW is forecasting profits of £350,000 pre-tax, against £217,000, despite a warning that first-half profits could be affected by investment in people and computers.

Interims: Airflow Streamlines, Glasgow Income Trust, Globe Investment Trust, Imperial Chemical Industries (third quarter), Monarch Resources, New Ireland Holdings, Philips (third quarter), Rand Mines, Redland, Securities Trust of Scotland, Smaller Companies International Trust, R Smallshaw (Knitwear), Tie Rack, Toshiba Corp.
Finals: Govett Strategic Investment Trust, Majedie Holdings, National Home Loans Corp.

FRIDAY

Interims: Aran Energy, Channel Tunnel Investments, Horace Clarkson, Clayton, Son and Co (Holdings), DG Durham Group, J England Group, Fairhaven International, Feedex Agricultural Industries, Ferguson Industrial Holdings, French Connection Group, Hopkinsons Holdings, New Throgmorton Trust (1983).
Finals: None announced.

Martin Waller and Geoffrey Foster

ECONOMIC VIEW

Perks from paying off the National Debt

It would scarcely surprise the seasoned Westminster watcher if, in tomorrow's economic debate in the House of Commons, the Opposition was to concentrate on the Government's monetary policy and the Government was to try to draw attention to its fiscal policy.

As the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, acknowledged at the Mansion House last week, on monetary policy "the ride has not always been a smooth one." There is no consensus at the top of the Government what the role of the exchange rate should be, interest rates are stuck at uncomfortable levels for some time and the evidence that the strategy is working is still scanty. Until higher rates begin to take effect on consumer spending, imports are likely to go on growing fast and the current account deficit to remain large — probably, as Mr Lawson acknowledged, into the 1990s.

On the fiscal side, by contrast, the Government has an excellent story to tell, with much more colour and drama to be wrung out of it. True, the Labour Front Bench can get a bit of mileage out of contrasting tax cuts for the rich with mortgage increases for the not so rich. But, in terms of the overall fiscal balance, the Government has revolutionized public finances. It is difficult to argue credibly, as some on the Chancellor's own side have tried to do, that cutting taxes in the Budget was imprudent when the Budget surplus this year is heading for £10 billion or more.

The decision to end the experiment of auctioning gilt-edged stock, announced as a throwaway line in the Chancellor's speech last week, simply recognizes that the Government has no more stock to sell.

The Bank of England will go on managing the market by issuing relatively small amounts of gilts in particular sectors to prevent undue volatility in prices as market makers scramble to meet demand or absorb supply. The £200 million, 2½ per cent index-linked stock announced at the end of last week was of that kind. But when the need is to pay off debts, rather than raise more money, there is no call for issuing stock in the amounts appropriate for an auction.

As was half evident at the time, auctions were introduced just at the moment when they ceased to be needed. The advantage of an auction is that it gives the Government some certainty about raising a given sum at a particular time. This is important when there is a large funding programme to get through. But the public sector borrowing requirement has never really been big enough since auctions were introduced to warrant surrendering control over the price at which funding takes place.

Confirmation that the Chancellor will not try to "over-fund" in order to slow down the growth in broad money may bring tears to the eyes of gilt-edged brokers desperate for some paper to deal in. But it avoids the risk of artificially raising long-term interest rates and may, in the end, be just as effective in slowing monetary growth as over-funding. It is usually dangerous to predict a revival of the corporate bond market, which has seen more false dawns than Mr Peter Clowes has had luxury yachts, but the possibility of getting companies out of the banks and into the bond market is a much more solid way of slowing monetary growth than cosmetic action by the Government Broker.

Equally important, the decision to go on matching funding to the Government's budgetary needs ensures that the full benefit of prudent budgeting will be felt by the National Debt.

When there is a budget surplus, a policy of "full funding" becomes one of full debt repayment, while "over-funding" becomes under-repayment. Essentially, by sticking to the policy of recent years, budget surpluses will be translated directly into a contraction in the National Debt. As Mr Lawson began to explore in his party conference speech, there is plenty of political mileage in this apparently arcane piece of accountancy. The idea of getting the country out of debt and lifting a burden from the shoulders of our children is an appealing one.

It also shows Britain moving in an opposite, and desirable, direction from practically all the other major countries during the present decade. A little research by James Capel shows that, while public debt as a proportion of GDP has risen from 19 per cent to 31 per cent in the US since 1979, 15 per cent to 26 per cent in Japan and 12 per cent to 24 per cent in West Germany, in Britain it has fallen from 46 per cent to just under 40 per cent.

If paying off debt simply provided moral satisfaction and a few debating points it might be a questionable use of resources, but a smaller stock of debt imposes a lighter burden of interest payments on public spending. The prospect of swapping debt interest payments for lower taxes or higher spending on the Health Service is an attractive deal in most people's language.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Legal action 'may be needed on British Gas'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The man who led the campaign against British Gas's industrial pricing policies has said legal action may still be needed to prevent it discriminating against his company.

Mr Phillip Wright, group managing director of Sheffield Forgemasters, has warned large industrial users of gas not to be too complacent after the critical Monopolies and Mergers Commission report.

He said he will be seeking an early meeting with Mr James McKinnon, the Director General of the Office of Gas Supply, the Government watchdog.

"Now that the report has been published one can see not only the disgraceful misuse of monopoly power British Gas has exerted but also the extent to which it 'ripped off' industry across a broad sector.

"If our experience of negotiating with British Gas is anything to go by we anticipate they will continue to use their monopoly powers against their industrial customers.

"The day before the MMC report British Gas told us they had no intention of reducing our price until ordered to do so.

"Clearly they are going to try and maximize their monopoly for as long as possible. Their attitude has not changed."

● The British Ceramic Confederation, whose members are among the largest industrial users of gas, has welcomed the MMC report as a first step towards a reduction in the price its memebers pay for energy.

Mr Kevin Farrell, the confederation's director, said: "The report confirms our view and that of many industrial groups that there was no real competition in the industrial gas market and the report is the first stage in correcting this situation."

Jobs scheme likely if NESL closes

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The Government is ready to launch a scheme to generate several thousand jobs on Wearside if, as expected, last-ditch bids fail to save North East Shipbuilders (NESL) and its workforce of 2,400.

The fate of NESL is being decided this week amid fears that none of the four bids put in for the Wearside yards will succeed. All have conditions attached which reduce their attractiveness to British Shipbuilders, NESL's state-owned parent, and the Government.

The Department of Trade and Industry has been studying how British Shipbuilders Enterprise (BSE) tackled the problem of nearly 3,500 redundancies in shipbuilding in 1986. It is understood that the possibility of launching a successor to BSE, which was wound up towards the end of last year, would involve a broader brief to generate economic expansion and jobs in the Sunderland and Wearside area and tackle economic problems in other shipbuilding areas.

BSE was set up in mid-1986 with £5 million of Government backing through British Shipbuilders. Another £1 million for training of redundant shipyard workers came from the then Manpower Services Commission, which is now the Training Agency.

By the time BSE was wound up, 94 per cent of the redundant workers had been through counselling sessions and 73 per cent were exploiting other employment opportunities.

By September last year BSE reported a net 1,400 ex-shipbuilding workers in new jobs, with nearly 400 of those generated after workers had gone through training. Another 83 had started their own businesses, some of them now creating additional jobs.

BSE's redundancies were spread across a number of regions including the Clyde, Tyneside, Teesside, and Appledore in Devon. A closedown at Wearside will produce a more intensive problem and the Government is expected to put in substantial resources to tackle it.

Sid takes interest in steel offer

By Our Industrial Staff

About 300,000 people have asked for the prospectus for British Steel's £2.5 billion shares sale. The prospectus is due to be published on Friday and about 30 per cent of shares are expected to be reserved for private investors.

The level of small investor interest is high, attracting more interest than the Rolls-Royce issue.

Although overseas and British institutional investors are each likely to be allocated 30 per cent of the shares issue, this proportion is expected to be reduced if private investor demand in the Britain is large enough.

Boom in investment

By Our Industrial Editor

Foreign investment in Cornwall and Devon totalled £30 million in the 1987-88 financial year, a fivefold increase over the previous 12 months.

Six north American concerns moved to the region or substantially expanded existing operations, creating more than 600 jobs, said the Devon and Cornwall Development Bureau.

Devon and Cornwall has become one of the most successful regions in attracting US investment. Now Japanese companies are showing strong interest and the bureau has a caseload of 40 serious inquiries from Japan.



CP takeover boosts Alphameric

By Michael Tate

Alphameric is set to become world number three in the dealing systems industry, with the acquisition today of CP International.

The deal, which is costing Alphameric £300,000, in shares, amounts to a rescue operation, after development costs thrust CP £1.8 million into the red last January.

But it represents an important strategic development for Alphameric, establishing the group in New York and Paris, and broadening its operations into financial instrument dealing systems. It brings in Mr Doug Simms, former chief executive of Micrognosis, who who took overat CP six months ago.

One sure winner in S&N fight

One man who will be breaking open the champagne whatever the outcome of Elders IXL's battle for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries is publicity-shy Trevor Hemmings. For the entrepreneur owns more than 90 per cent of Pontin's, the holiday camp business created by Sir Fred Pontin. Last year, Hemmings — who first met Sir Fred when he built his holiday village in Southport — bought the business back from Bass, the brewer, and has now agreed to sell half of it to S&N. Under the terms of the deal, Elders, if it succeeds in its takeover of S&N, will have to buy full control. And that means he will personally collect between £65 million and £70 million. On the other hand, if S&N escapes from Elders, it has agreed to buy the rest of Pontin's during the next few years on terms which could provide an even larger £100 million payday to Hemmings. If Hemmings, aged 53, receives his money sooner rather than later, however, it could be good news for the fledgeling BES company City North Properties. Seeking to raise £5 million — it has £2 million in the bag so far — for what is the first assured tenancy BES in London, Hemmings will be running it together with Michael Sherley-Dale, an equity salesman at WoodMac who has just resigned to become its managing director, and Hilary Duckworth, a corporate finance director at Robert Fleming.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Only here for the beer

Which company has the best annual meeting? Saga Holidays and Queens Moat would be strong contenders, but in the view of a Danish bank manager the answer is Young and Co's Brewery. Its devotees are mostly only there for the beer. The meeting rarely lasts more than 30 minutes, but what happens afterwards has been likened to a beer drinker's Royal Ascot. People come from far and wide, with the cost of travel often exceeding the value of shares bought. In fact, of Young's 4,694 shareholders, 1,210 own no more than 10 shares, and 265 only have one each. One shareholder, Niels Haugsted, travels all the way from Copenhagen to attend every year. He bought his shares on the advice of his bank manager at Den Danske Bank, who assured him Young had the best meeting in Britain.

All in a name

Everyone has heard of Sir Nicholas Goodison. Or have they? The man himself is not so sure. He told the Mansion House audience last Thursday that a contestant on the *Mastermind* TV quiz show chose finance as his specialist subject. From the gloom of the studio Magnus Magnusson asked: "Who is Sir Nicholas Goodison?" The answer came back with electrifying speed: "Pass." Who then, I wonder, would be able to identify his successor, Andrew Hugh-Smith?



"I've never known a more hostile bid"

Fan mail

At last . . . someone has said something nice about the controversial Lloyd's of London building. The November edition of the *Antique Collector*, of all things, carries a lengthy article about the difficulties French interior designer Jacques Grange had in marrying antique furniture with such an ultra-modern building, and assesses the artistic merit of his work. So pleased is Lloyd's with the report that it has, I hear, ordered an additional 350 copies of the magazine to send to clients.

Black home

The planned move to Hong Kong in December by Harvey Black, doyen of the Far Eastern markets after 24 years as a specialist fund manager with M&G — and a director of M&G Investment Management for nine years — will be something of a homecoming for his Chinese-born wife. Her mother still lives in the Colony and Black hopes their one-year-old daughter will become bilingual. "I've travelled there twice a year for the past 15 years but I've never lived there before," he says. He leaves *M&G* on November 11 to become managing director of Sun Hong Kai Fund Management and SHK Unit Trust — both part of Sun Hong Kai & Co., the largest independent stockbroker in Hong Kong. The firm has an operational office in China and closer links with the People's Republic than most of its rivals. "It's the whole region that's the big excitement for me," says Black, aged 41. "The vast amount of money that Hong Kong invests in China and vice versa suggests that there are lots of opportunities to be tapped. We will be reshaping our unit trust and launching new products." He is certainly joining a pukka firm. The chairman of Sun Hong Kai is Tong Fung, who recently became vice-chairman of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

● **Another humorous abbreviation on the New York Stock Exchange. A stock listed as Spod apparently refers to a company by the name of 1 Potato 2 Inc.**

Carol Leonard

UK 'lags' on joint Soviet ventures

By Colin Narbrough

Soviet joint ventures with western companies, a key item in plans by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, to attract capital and technology, are receiving a cool reception from the Finns, who are normally more receptive than most other countries to trade with the Russians.

Finnish reluctance to join such ventures was summed up by one leading industrialist (who preferred not to be named). "It's like putting your head in a sack."

While the Finns feel that becoming locked in joint ventures with the Soviet Union could be a retrograde step, the British Government was beating the drum last week for joint ventures with the Soviet Union as part of the drive to meet the targeted 40 per cent expansion in bilateral trade by 1990.

About 40 joint ventures are being negotiated with British companies.

However, Mr Ralph Land, managing director of Rank Xerox's eastern European division and chairman of an international task force on joint ventures, has accused British companies of lagging behind their competitors.

"I believe this to be because many companies are unaware of the opportunities, while others are disinclined to enter what they think of as a strange and difficult market," he said at the launch of Rank Xerox's joint Copy Shop venture with a Soviet publishing organization.

C&W satellite delay

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Plans by Mr Li Ka-shing, the Hong Kong businessman, to launch a communications satellite serving South East Asia has suffered a serious setback.

Despite a week of meetings with US officials in Peking, the Chinese have refused to vary their price for launching commercial satellites.

The Americans say that the Chinese prices are too low, and until the Chinese agree, Mr Li's Asiasat consortium — which includes Cable and Wireless — will not be allowed to take delivery of its US$43 million (£23.8 million) satellite, to be refurbished by the Hughes Aircraft Corporation.

China's Ministry of Aerospace Industry has offered to launch the satellite for about US$30 million. European and US launches typically cost up to $45 million.

Talks are scheduled to continue in Washington next month. Asiasat has already put off launch plans from late 1989 to 1990 because of delays in obtaining an export licence.

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£200 million 2½ per cent INDEX-LINKED TREASURY STOCK, 2013

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Copies of the prospectus for the Stock, dated 15th February 1985, may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, New Change, London, EC4M 9AA.

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The relevant index figures for the half-yearly interest payments on the Stock are as follows:

	Relevant index figure	
Interest payable	*Published in*	*Relating to*
February	July of the previous year	June
August	January of the same year	December

The further tranche of the Stock will rank for the full six months' interest due on 16th February 1989.

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7	TSB (as)	Banks,Discount	
8	P & O Dfd (as)	Shipping	
9	Marston Thompson	Breweries	
10	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
11	Rank Org (as)	Industrials L-R	
12	Booth Inds	Industrials A-D	
13	Chancery	Banks,Discount	
14	APG	Industrials A-D	
15	Desoutter	Industrials A-D	
16	Br Aerospace (as)	Motors,Aircraft	
17	Nat West (as)	Banks,Discount	
18	LWT Hldgs	Leisure	
19	McCarthy & S	Building,Roads	
20	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
21	Dalgety (as)	Foods	
22	Cowan De Groot	Industrials A-D	
23	Invergordon Distl	Breweries	
24	Siebe (as)	Industrials S-Z	
25	TI	Industrials S-Z	
26	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
27	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
28	Ocean Transport	Shipping	
29	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
30	Attwoods	Building,Roads	
31	Carlton Comm	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	Rentokil	Chemicals,Plas	
33	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
34	Abbot Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Wellman	Industrials S-Z	
36	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
37	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
38	Barr & WA 'A'	Leisure	
39	Lep	Industrials L-R	
40	Erskine Hse	Industrials E-K	
41	Bunzl (as)	Paper,Print,Adv	
42	Burmah (as)	Oil,Gas	
43	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
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Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
2248m	Treas 11¼% 1989	99⅝	-⅛	11.5	.. ..
1391m	Treas 10½% 1989	99⅝	-⅛	10.6	.. ..
2378m	Exch 10% 1989	99	-⅛	10.1	.. ..
1200m	Exch 10¼% 1989	100	-⅛	10.2	.. ..
1936m	Exch 11% 1989	99⅝	-⅛	11.0	.. ..
577m	Treas 3% 1986-89	96	+⅛	5.2	.. ..
1140m	Treas Cll 9% 1989	99⅛	..	9.0	.. ..
485m	Treas 3% 1989	97	-⅛	5.1	.. ..
992m	Treas 8% 1990	99⅛	-⅛	8.1	.. ..
1029m	Treas 13% 1990	103⅝	-⅛	12.7	.. ..
1497m	Exch 11% 1990	100⅛	-⅛	10.9	.. ..
1200m	Exch 12¼% 1990	101⅛	-⅛	12.2	.. ..
500m	Treas 3% 1990	92⅛	+⅛	3.3	.. ..
582m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	97⅛	-⅛	8.5	.. ..
1873m	Treas 10% 1992	89⅝	-⅛	9.1	.. ..
448m	Exch 2¼% 1990	89¼	-⅛	2.8	.. ..
1008m	Treas C 10% 1991	100⅝	-⅛	9.9	.. ..
2254m	Treas 11¾% 1991	102⅜	-⅛	11.5	.. ..
599m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	92⅛	-⅛	6.2	.. ..
1581m	Exch 11% 1991	102	-⅛	10.8	.. ..
352m	Treas 3% 1991	88⅛	-⅛	3.4	.. ..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
752m	Treas 8¼% 1993	94	..	8.8	.. ..
1858m	Treas 10% 1993	101⅝	-⅛	9.8	.. ..
1205m	Treas 12¼% 1993	110⅝	-⅛	11.4	.. ..
531m	Fund 9% 1993	99⅝	-⅛	8.8	.. ..
1405m	Treas 13¾% 1993	114⅝	-⅛	12.0	.. ..
988m	Treas 8¾% 1994	94⅛	-⅛	9.0	.. ..
706m	Treas 8¼% 1994 §	94⅛	-⅛	8.8	.. ..
712m	Treas 14½% 1994	118¼	-⅛	12.2	.. ..
1718m	Exch 12¼% 1994	110⅝	-⅛	11.2	.. ..
1535m	Treas 13¼% 1994	114⅜	-⅛	11.6	.. ..
1547m	Treas 9% 1994	99⅝	-⅛	9.0	.. ..
1410m	Treas 10% 1994	100⅝	-⅛	9.9	.. ..
2562m	Treas 12¾% 1995	109	-⅛	11.6	.. ..
174m	Gas 9% 1990-95	91½	..	3.7	.. ..
2136m	Exch 10¼% 1995	101⅛	-⅛	10.1	.. ..
1143m	Treas 12½% 1995	114⅛	-⅛	11.2	.. ..
1699m	Treas 14% 1996	126	-⅛	11.7	.. ..
727m	Treas 9% 1992-96	97	-⅛	9.3	.. ..
1722m	Treas 15¼% 1996	127⅛	-⅛	12.0	.. ..
942m	Exch 13¼% 1996	117⅝	-⅛	11.3	.. ..
1121m	Conv 9% 1996	101⅛	-⅛	8.9	.. ..
2417m	Treas 8¾% 1997	95	-⅛	9.2	.. ..
1781m	Treas 13½% 1997	118⅝	-⅛	11.3	.. ..
3223m	Exch 10¾% 1997	100⅜	-⅛	10.1	.. ..
1231m	Exch 15% 1997	132⅝	-⅛	11.5	.. ..
848m	Treas 9¾% 1995-98	104⅝	-⅛	8.9	.. ..
2856m	Exch 9¾% 1998	100	-⅛	9.7	.. ..
1485m	Treas 15¼% 1998	133⅛	-⅛	11.5	.. ..
2648m	Exch 12¼% 1998	113⅝	-⅛	10.8	.. ..
1247m	Treas 9½% 1999	98⅛	-⅛	9.5	.. ..
3357m	Exch 12½% 1999	115⅞	-⅛	10.8	.. ..
1315m	Treas 10½% 1999	103⅝	-⅛	10.0	.. ..
1607m	Conv 10¼% 1999	102⅝	-⅛	9.9	.. ..
1230m	Treas 8½% 2000	93⅝	-⅛	9.1	.. ..
2215m	Treas 13% 2000	121⅛	-⅛	10.7	.. ..
1500m	Conv 9% 2000	96⅛	-⅛	9.3	.. ..
2496m	Exch 10% 2001	101⅛	-⅛	9.7	.. ..
1814m	Conv 9¾% 2001	101⅛	-⅛	9.6	.. ..
1586m	Treas 14% 1998-01	134⅜	-⅛	11.2	.. ..
1268m	Exch 9% 2002	98⅛	-⅛	9.3	.. ..
1743m	Conv 10¾% 2002	103¾	-⅛	9.8	.. ..
1619m	Exch 12¾% 1999-02	119⅛	-⅛	10.6	.. ..
1479m	Treas 9¾% 2002	102	-⅛	9.5	.. ..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
1047m	Treas 10% 2003	104⅞	-⅛	9.5	.. ..
2278m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	129⅞	-⅛	10.9	.. ..
2145m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅝	-⅛	10.2	.. ..
948m	Treas 10% 2004	100⅛	-⅛	9.5	.. ..
262m	Fund 9½% 1999-04	99⅛	-⅛	9.6	.. ..
1370m	Conv 9½% 2004	102	-⅛	9.3	.. ..
1523m	Conv 9½% 2005	102⅛	-⅛	9.3	.. ..
1162m	Exch 10½% 2005	110⅝	-⅛	9.5	.. ..
2725m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129⅝	-⅛	10.1	.. ..
1527m	Conv 8% 2003-08	93	-⅛	8.9	.. ..
359m	Conv 9¾% 2008	105⅛	-⅛	9.3	.. ..
3701m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	117⅛	-⅛	10.0	.. ..
1862m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133⅛	-⅛	10.2	.. ..
1800m	Conv 9% 2008	101	-⅛	8.9	.. ..
910m	Treas 9% 2008	91	-⅛	8.8	.. ..
371m	Conv 9% 2011	100⅝	-⅛	8.9	.. ..
699m	Treas 5% 2012-15	61	-⅛	8.1	.. ..
621m	Treas 7¼% 2012-15	88⅝	-⅛	8.7	.. ..
1301m	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅛	-⅛	9.2	.. ..
UNDATED					
160m	Consols 4%	44⅝	..	9.0	.. ..
768m	War Ln 3½%	39⅝	..	8.8	.. ..
362m	Conv 3½%	39⅝	..	9.0	.. ..
19m	Treas 3½%	39⅝	..	9.0	.. ..
78m	Consols 2½%	27⅞	..	9.0	.. ..
132m	Treas 2½%	27⅞	..	9.0	.. ..
INDEX-LINKED					
619m	Treas IL 2% 1990	123⅞	..	2.0	.. ..
680m	Treas IL 2% 1992	109⅝	-⅛	2.1	.. ..
385m	Treas IL 2½% 1994	96⅛	-⅛	1.6	.. ..
1417m	Treas IL 2½% 1996	141⅛	-⅛	2.2	.. ..
1074m	Treas IL2½% 2001	119⅝	-⅛	2.6	.. ..
305m	Treas IL2½% 2003	118⅞	-⅛	2.6	.. ..
1425m	Treas IL 2% 2006	118⅛	-⅛	2.2	.. ..
1059m	Treas IL2½% 2009	111⅛	-⅛	3.0	.. ..
1582m	Treas IL2½% 2011	112⅝	-⅛	3.1	.. ..
192m	Treas IL2½% 2013	98⅛	-⅛	3.1	.. ..
1798m	Treas IL2½% 2016	100⅛	-⅛	3.1	.. ..
1475m	Treas IL2½% 2020	101⅛	-⅛	3.2	.. ..
770m	Treas IL2½% 2024	65½	-⅛	3.2	.. ..

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
571.4m	Allied Irish	268	-8	..	..	..
63.1m	Anglo Leasing	180	-⅛	4.7	2.4	10.1
165.2m	Associates (Newry)	80½	-½	2.7	3.2	36.7
1,800m	Aus New Z	236	+3	..	..	..
1,573m	Bankamerica	95⅝	+⅛	..	..	..
662.6m	Bank of Ireland	268	+10	..	..	..
1,301m	Bank Leumi Israel	110½	..	..	..	..
23.0m	Bank Leumi UK	350	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
677.2m	Bank Of Scotland	351	+7	17.5	4.9	8.3
18.8m	Bank Of Wales	80	+3	3.7	6.6	6.8
4,740m	Barclays (as)	468	+4	27.9	5.5	21.1
16.0m	Benchmark	30	..	2.2	7.3	17.1
53.8m	Brown Shipley	140	+3	14.0	4.1	12.7
8,702.000	Bus Mortgage	98	+1½	..	..	..
99.4m	Cater Allen	350	+10	30.0	8.6	12.0
41.8m	Cedes	84	..	9.7	5.8	12.8
42.1m	Chancery	220	+7	20.0	3.6	12.9
1,441.5m	Chase Manhattan	215½	-½	..	..	..
4,836.8m	Citicorp	214½	-½	..	..	..
68.1m	Close Bros	185	..	6.7	3.6	17.4
1,863.9m	Commerzbank	230½	-½	..	..	..
6,175.2m	Deutsche Bank	277½	+½	..	..	..
8,625.000	Equity & Gen	37	..	1.6	4.9	11.1
321.7m	First Nat Finance	233	+18	12.5	5.3	7.5
189.5m	GPG	82	..	3.5	4.7	6.7
108.4m	Gerrard Nat	287	+5	5.0	2.1	15.8
82.2m	Gulmotes Matson	137	..	..	..	..
48.7m	Hanson	215	-15	13.0	4.8	10.3
2,347.0m	HK Shanghai	45	-1	3.5	7.8	..
28.4m	Joseph (Leopold)	393	+18	17.5	3.5	20.9
21.4m	King & Shaxson	238	..	12.3	5.0	13.7
488.4m	Kleinwort Benson	348	+10	16.7	5.4	9.5
2,748.8m	Lloyds (as)	336	+6	25.0	5.4	11.9
25.9m	Lon Scot Bk	46	..	2.5	5.4	..
2,395.9m	Midland (as)	438	+5	26.0	5.4	..

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 17. Dealings end October 28. §Contango day October 31. Settlement day November 7.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks.

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Chge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
BREWERIES						
3,538.6m	Allied-Lyons (as)	485	-2	17.3	3.6	14.5
2,744.8m	Bass (as)	803	+16	26.9	3.3	12.0
57.5m	Bellhaven	52½	-½	1.9	1.9	20.5
149.1m	Boddington	161	+15	5.4	3.4	16.8
24.3m	Buckleys	150	..	4.3	2.9	..
83.5m	Bulmer (H P)	161	+7	6.7	4.2	10.3
36.6m	Burtonwood Brew	176	+2	9.2	5.2	21.7
24.6m	Clark (Matthew)	388	..	14.7	3.8	18.7
126.2m	Dewhirst (JA)	316	-5	4.9	1.3	28.1
269.0m	Greenall Whitley	255	+2	8.3	3.3	14.5
192.6m	Greene King	457	+2	18.9	2.2	20.3
2,151.2m	Guinness (as)	345	+13	12.9	3.7	17.4
31.6m	Hardys & Hansons	780	+20	28.0	3.6	14.5
149.7m	Highland Dist	121	-7	3.1	2.6	18.9
94.3m	Invergordon Distl	410	+6	8.3	2.0	24.8
282.0m	Irish Distl	414	..	..	..	..
141.5m	Marston Thompson	162	+6	3.9	2.4	18.2
54.0m	Morland	650	+12	10.9	1.7	28.7
856.8m	SA Breweries	290	..	..	..	..
1,481.7m	Scot & Newc (as)	459½	+½	12.2	3.0	19.7
327.2m	Vaux Grp	288	+25	21.6p	3.1	21.1
1,250.6m	Whitbread 'A' (as)	288	+1	14.1	4.9	11.9
107.8m	Do 'B'	280	..	14.1	5.0	24.5
256.7m	Whitbread Inv	497	+21	12.3	2.5	43.2
277.4m	Wolverhmpton & D	439	+13	8.2	1.9	18.2
14.8m	Young 'A'	510	+10	12.3	2.4	29.8
BUILDING, ROADS						
67.1m	Abbey	225	..	..	..	8.7
249.7m	Amec	380	-5	18.3	5.4	10.2
51.2m	Anglia Sec	411	+5	34	0.8	24.2
56.6m	Anglo Utd	48	+1	1.3	2.8	22.0
7,750.000	Arnolds	156	..	9.3	6.0	15.1
178.7m	Attwoods	307	+6	9.3	3.0	15.1
1,054.3m	BPB Ind (as)	258	+3	11.3	4.4	8.9
58.0m	Bagenalls Brick	288	+17	17	5.9	20.5
4,337.000	Bailey (Eian) Const	83	-2	2.9	3.5	8.5
316.9m	Barratt Deve	174	+1	14.9	8.6	7.4
61.9m	Bellway	345	+1	10.7	4.4	11.8
29.8m	Bellwinch	95	+6	4.9	5.1	6.5
117.4m	Berkeley Gp	283	-1	4.7	1.7	10.8
16.3m	Bett Bros	109	+4	4.8	4.4	25.1
65.0m	Blackwood	370	+5	17	4.6	23.4
1,197.5m	Bovis Cnstn (as)	462	-7	21.7	4.7	9.1
29.7m	Boot (Henry)	391	-2	20.0	5.1	5.2
32.2m	Brewdon PLC	230	-7	9.1	4.0	30.8
21.0m	Br Dredging	87	..	4.9	5.6	30.9
259.5m	Bryant	134	-6	5.7	4.3	8.3
50.3m	CALA	143	-3	3.7	2.6	9.9
399.7m	CRH	141	+4	..	..	..
6,625.000	Calchbread Robey	338	+2	5.1	1.9	22.5
287.3m	Caradon	341	+2	10.7	3.1	12.7
94.1m	Church Charles	169	+2	1.3	1.2	11.9
29.2m	Conder Grp	365	+16	8.7	2.6	12.1
11.7m	Copson PLC	202	+8	10.7	5.3	7.5
593.3m	Costain	335	+1	14.9	4.2	13.7
95.4m	Countryside	288	+16	3.6	1.1	13.0
182.3m	Crest Nicholson	218	..	9.3	3.8	10.9
13.3m	Crosby James	122	-7	2.7	2.2	8.5
47.0m	Douglas (Hld)	310	+5	5.9	1.8	15.4
17.9m	Edinburgh Hldgs	36	+3	1.5	4.3	16.5
45.6m	Erith	111	+4	4.2	3.7	8.7
28.1m	Federated Hld	285	+4	7.7	2.7	10.3
21.4m	Finlan Gp	93	..	6.0	7.2	11.9
47.7m	Gleeson	70	+3	4.3	6.1	12.9
4,611.000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	265	+2	9.5	3.6	10.1
54.0m	Gleeson (M.J)	540	+10	9.5	1.7	12.9
31.6m	Harrison Ind	295	+2	9.1	3.4	12.5
185.7m	Hawdon-Swan	121	+2	5.9	2.4	12.4
149.5m	Heywood Williams	267	+4	13.3	5.0	11.4
122.5m	Higgs & Hill	384	+10	13.3	3.7	11.4
31.5m	How Gp	61	-4	3.5	4.3	10.3
13.8m	Howard Hldgs	35	..	1.7	3.1	8.2
347.7m	Ibstock Johnsen	177	-1	8.0	3.4	11.5
19.7m	Jarvis (J) & Sons	154	-6	..	..	..
139.3m	Laing (J)	315	+4	10.7	3.4	9.3
89.1m	Llewellyns (Walter)	148	+1	7.3	4.9	9.4
100.0m	Lovell (C.J.)	54	+1	3.0	..	..
121.2m	Lovell (Y.J)	214	+7	7.0	3.3	10.6
387.4m	Magnet (as)	212	+1	9.2	4.3	12.8
65.5m	Manders	213	+10	7.8	3.6	22.8
482.5m	Marley	178½	+2½	6.1	3.4	12.7
100.5m	Marshalls (Halifax)	246	+9	9.7	4.0	12.0
24.5m	Maunders (J)	191	-5	4.8	2.5	8.0
113.2m	McAlpine (Alfred)	351	+1	21.5	6.7	8.5
205.6m	McCarthy & S	490	+8	5.7	1.2	30.1
385.3m	Meyer Int	407	+29	12.7	3.1	10.9
13.7m	Miller (Stanley)	289	+3	2.0	0.9	..
330.0m	Mowlem (John)	367	+3	23.7	6.1	10.1
126.7m	NSM	78	-1	..	..	..
160.3m	Newarthill	216½	..	18.7	11.4	4.3
108.5m	Newman Tonks	172	-1	10.5	6.1	12.5
141.0m	Parkinson	170	..	10.9	6.4	9.1
992m	Pearl Grp	1,000	-5	33	3.3	13.1
1,084.000	Pochins	835	+30	25.5	3.0	6.7
22.4m	Prowting	188	+1	8.7	3.0	11.8
350.4m	RMC Gp (as)	698	+10	34.0	4.9	11.3
106.8m	Raine Ind	95	+5	2.7	3.0	15.3
1,216.1m	Redland (as)	449½	+11½	21.1	4.7	10.5
131.1m	Robersons	280	..	5.9	2.9	12.6
480.7m	Rugby Group	257	-1	11.2	4.4	12.6
123.5m	Sandell Perkins	257	..	7.2	2.8	13.7
61.5m	Sharpe & Fisher	310	+2	6.5	1.7	20.7
13.2m	Smart (J)	131	+1	7.2	5.5	19.6
504.7m	Staebley	338	+14	13.3	3.9	12.0
1,764.1m	Tarmac (as)	247	+3	16.3	4.2	11.9
945.8m	Taylor Woodrow (as)	310	-1	14.7	2.4	22.6
72.4m	Tilbury (Contrac)	180	-1	12.5	6.9	8.7
165.2m	Travis & Arnold	485	-5	6.7	1.9	17.1
19.7m	Trans	185	..	2.0	1.1	27.3
94.0m	Tunnel	268	+3	12.1	2.1	13.5
69.8m	Vibroplant	197	..	3.5	2.1	12.0
41.2m	Ward Group	188	..	6.1	3.2	14.9
70.4m	Ward Hldgs	134	..	3.4	2.6	8.5
65.4m	Wates Bulke	202	+4	14.0	6.9	8.2
117.5m	Westbury	237	+10	7.9	3.1	8.7
40.7m	Wiggins	282	-1	8.7	3.5	11.9
166.5m	Wilson Bowden	534	..	8.5	2.6	14.1
228.6m	Wimpey (Connolly)	169	+10½	10.3	6.1	16.4
806.9m	Wimpey G (as)	286	+10½	10.3	3.6	12.5
14.2m	YRM	119	-2	4.9	3.4	11.5
CHEMICALS, PLASTICS						
334.4m	Allied Colloids	132	..	3.1	2.3	14.5
291.4m	Amersham	575	-14	13.5	2.3	18.5
79.5m	BTR	354	-2	8.3	2.3	6.1
6,089.8m	Bayer DM50	198½	+1½	..	..	14.3
78.0m	Blagden	136	..	10.5	7.7	14.4
89.7m	Brent Chems	198	..	7.1p	5.5	11.8
45.0m	Cambrg (W)	213	..	9.3	4.3	11.1
316.5m	Coalite	331	..	13.1	4.1	10.4
197.3m	Coates Bros	368	..	10.5	3.4	10.0
242.7m	Croda	192	-1	12.5	6.5	10.1
89.3m	Elwood & Everard	180	-7	7.5	4.6	11.9
4,591.000	Eurobean Colour	282½	..	1.2	4.7	27.7
78.8m	Evode	213	..	16.2	3.4	15.3
213.5m	Fosseco	298	..	15.3	5.1	11.5
35.1m	Halstead (James)	248	..	11.9	4.5	8.5
180.3m	Hickson	330	-3	8.5	2.6	15.0
5,125.1m	Hoechst DM50	236½	..	..	..	..
7,172.8m	Ici Chem Ind (as)	1,010½	..	57.3	5.4	9.0
662.0m	Laporte (as)	358	..	16.8	4.1	12.7
54.3m	Leigh	242	..	7.5	3.1	19.9
1,822.8m	Norsk Hydro	339½	..	..	..	..
74.0m	Plysu	177	..	2.1	1.2	18.5
22.1m	Rexbrook Hldgs	295	..	5.8	2.0	25.3
408.3m	Rentokil	211	..	4.7	2.2	18.5
15.3m	Sindicho Speakman	197	..	2.7	2.5	12.7
24.0m	Staffordshire Fibre	283	..	4.1	1.4	12.5
45.7m	Yorkshire Chem	182	..	10.7	4.2	11.1
101.1m	Yule Catto	133	..	4.5	3.7	14.2
DRAPERY, STORES						
94.1m	Alexon	347	-8	10.7	3.1	10.9
22.9m	Amber Day	92	..	..	..	..
20.7m	Aquascutum 'A'	77	-1	4.0	5.2	14.1
283.6m	Ashley (Laura)	112	..	3.1	2.8	16.0
9,772.0m	Austin Reed	572	..	11.3	3.3	20.7
72.2m	Bestwick (James) 'A'	156	..	3.7	2.7	14.7
37.9m	Bentalls	175	..	4.3	2.5	28.0
52.9m	Blacks Leis	132	..	9.1	6.8	16.4
257.4m	Body Shop	624	..	2.4	0.4	64.3
7,838.000	Brehmer	67	..	..	..	..
15.8m	Brown & Jackson	45½	-1	0.1	0.2	34.2
121.9m	Brown (N)	215	-1	9.7	3.1	13.5
1,158.2m	Burton (M)	213	..	10.7	3.1	13.5
14.5m	Cantors 'A'	115	..	3.0	2.5	19.6
32.7m	Casket plc	77	..	4.3	5.2	9.1
47.1m	Church	246	..	15.2	3.5	13.7
907.5m	Coats Viyella (as)	218	-2	10.7	3.7	9.0
52.4m	Courts Furnishers	215	..	8.4	3.9	10.6
30.6m	DAWS Simpson 'A'	570	..	12.5	2.2	12.1
38.2m	Dentherd (J.D)	140	..	3.1	2.2	9.3
563.1m	Dixons Gp (as)	414	-2	9.3	2.2	13.1
372.9m	Dunhill	210	-13	9.5	1.8	16.8
55.7m	ERA Gp	130	..	4.9	3.8	11.3
8,700.000	Ern (Wimbledon)	235	..	16.2	6.9	8.5
69.9m	Empire Stores	278	..	7.0	2.5	28.9
140.4m	Etam	211	..	9.1	4.3	11.0
174.4m	Fine Art Dev	191	..	9.1	4.8	14.0
10.0m	Formmaster	109	..	3.3	3.0	9.5
25.2m	Gent SR	230	..	20.0	8.7	9.5
39.5m	Goldberg (A)	73	..	3.1	4.2	20.6
91.1m	GUS	736	..	34.0p	4.6	16.9
2,606.8m	Do 'A' (as)	1,150	..	36.0	3.5	10.7
17.2m	Helene Plc	90	..	2.5	2.8	10.2
119.4m	Hogg Robinson plc	174	..	9.6	3.4	14.7
15.2m	Hollas	80	..	3.5	4.4	11.3
8,713.000	House Of Lerose	192	-14	12.9	6.4	11.5
20.5m	Leslie Wise Gp	72	..	3.7	5.1	12.5
51.8m	Liberty	211½	..	14.1	12.2	24.1
4,534.0m	Marks Spencer (as)	178	-4	8.8	4.6	14.0
37.4m	Mercury (John)	313	..	23.5	1.4	28.4
661.8m	Next (as)	178	..	8.5	4.6	8.8
13.5m	Oliver (G)	330	..	17.2	3.2	18.1
87.7m	Pentos	192	..	4.9	2.5	10.1
319.4m	Reiners Group	198	..	7.2	3.6	9.1
6,721.000	S & U Stores	74	..	3.3	7.2	7.4
2,008.0m	Sears (as)	254	..	8.8	4.7	14.2
468.7m	Smith (WH) 'A' (as)	274	+13	12.8	4.4	11.1
53.8m	Sock Shop	290	..	..	..	5.8
70.8m	Speed & Simpson 'A'	198	-3	8.1	4.8	17.5
781.8m	Storehouse (as)	191	..	11.7	6.1	10.4
29.7m	T & S Stores	163	..	9.1	1.9	17.3
74.7m	Tilbor & Boston	235	+10	8.5	2.3	28.7
27.7m	Tie Rack	81	..	1.6	2.0	14.4
114.3m	Time Products	232	..	7.1	3.2	12.2
25.5m	Underwoods	84	+1

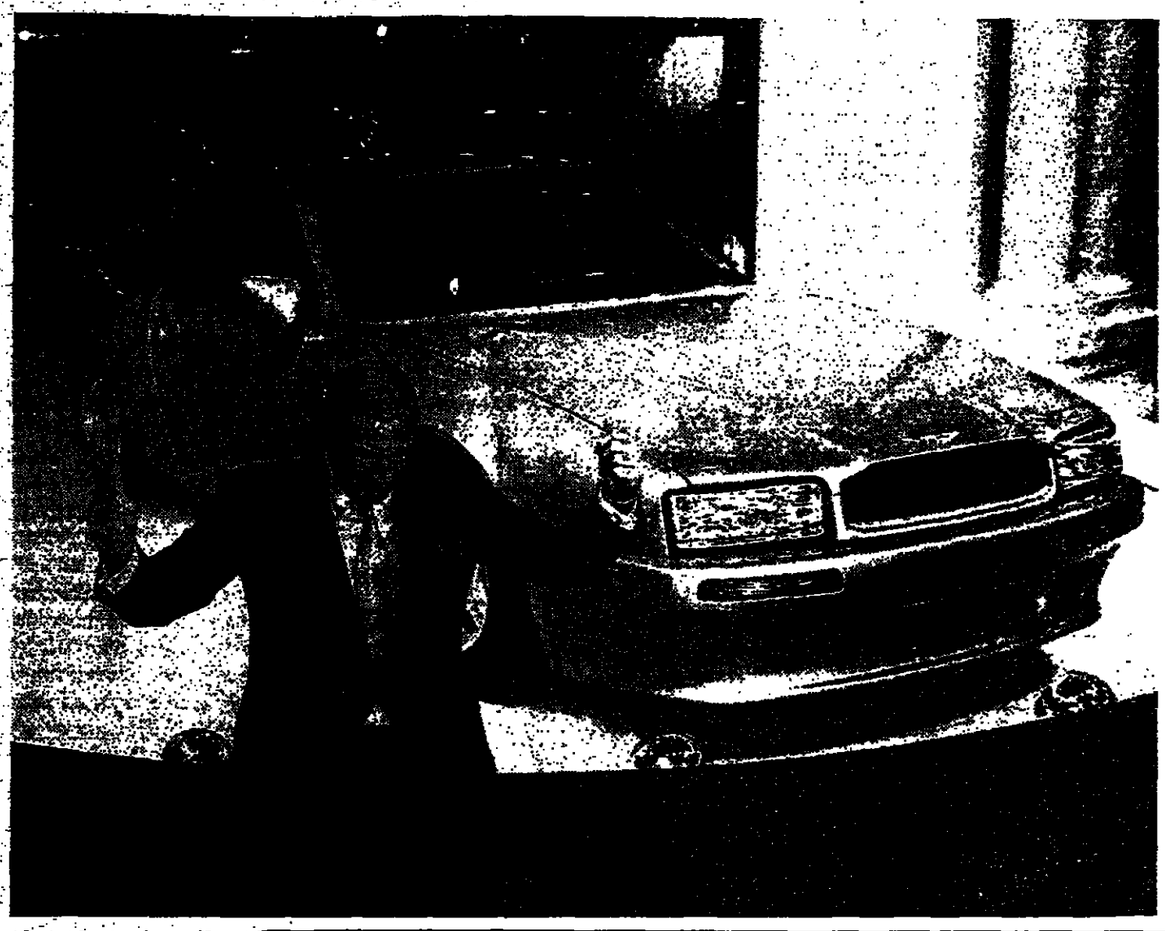
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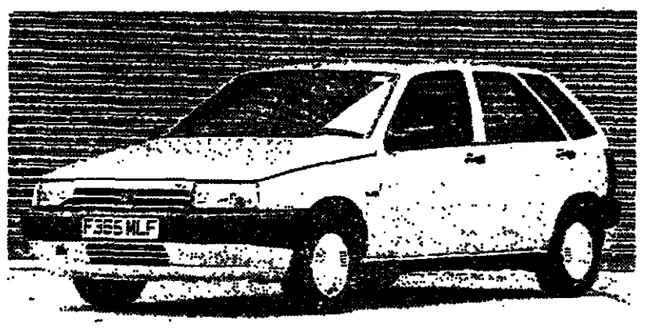
A return to style on the roads

As Britain's new car sales topple all previous records, the Birmingham Motor Show provides a feast of style and technology for everyone, says Daniel Ward





Show-stoppers: Left, Victor Gauntlett, the Aston Martin chairman, unveils the sleek, new Virage at Birmingham. Above, West Germany's sporty Audi Coupé makes its début with, below, Italy's chunky Fiat Tipo DGT



It is time again for the armies of schoolboys to gather their own weight in glossy brochures, for dozens of turntables to whirl the latest cars around under the glare of banks of spotlights. Dads and sons will throng six deep to catch a glimpse of the latest Ferraris and Porsches; others will queue to climb behind the wheel of humbler cars and flick every switch and stalk.

Yes, two years after the new Jaguar XJ6 made its long awaited début at the Birmingham Motor Show, the National Exhibition Centre is about to open its doors for the massive 1988 show.

Already this year, more than 1.8 million motorists have bought new cars, almost half a million of them boasting the desirable F registration prefix. By Christmas, the number of new cars sold will almost certainly have reached a record 2.2 million as the fourth year of growth in Britain comes to an end.

The surge in demand may well have elevated Britain to the second largest car market in Europe behind Germany, overtaking France and Italy.

The Birmingham show, however, has yet to be recognized as a fully fledged international exhibition on a par with Geneva, Paris, Frankfurt and Tokyo. Along with Turin, it remains half a pace behind in prestige. That aside, visitors will find at Birmingham a handful of cars making their world première and dozens more making their first appearance in Britain.

Car makers are now emerging from a period of dramatic and rapid change. In the next few years, the most successful makers will be those that can most cleverly apply new technology and developments in a way that really benefits the motorist. The influence of aerodynamics on body styling highlights the changes that are taking place.

> Designs combine individual "look" with a strong family likeness

Good aerodynamics are now taken for granted. A drag coefficient of less than 0.30 is not unusual and hardly attracts comment as every leading car maker has its own wind tunnel. The understanding of aerodynamics has increased vastly during the past years. In 1981, the new Audi 100 (Cd 0.30) seemed stunningly advanced.

With the deeper knowledge of aerodynamics a new approach to styling is coming in. For a while it was enough for new cars to look sleek, as if they had indeed been designed in the wind tunnel. Yet it led, arguably, to a succession of rather similar-looking models as the loss of the traditional radiator grille and the first use of enveloping plastic bumpers and slim headlamps made their mark on individual style.

The car makers heard motorists complaining that "all cars look alike these days" and took note. Individual style is creeping back into car design. Now the trend is to present a strong identity and often a strong family likeness between cars of one marque, so that they create awareness.

Designers no longer allow good aerodynamics to detract from good styling.

Turbo-charging too is on the wane. Now the buzz-word is "multi-valve", which is the advertising copywriter's shorthand for four valves per cylinder; traditionally car petrol engines had two valves per cylinder, though the Japanese had a flirtation with three.

Multi-valve engines offer significant advantages in addition to having the right motor racing-high technology cachet. They are distinctly more powerful, yet economical, and produce less toxic exhaust fumes.

It is one instance where the Japanese manufacturers have sought to secure a marketing advantage using advanced technology and succeeded, though certainly the prospect of much tougher exhaust emission legislation in Europe has helped to accelerate the move away from old-style 2-valve engines.

If the Japanese can claim credit for leading the move to multi-valve engines, they would prefer not to be reminded of the money they have spent trying to convince us all that we should buy cars with four-wheel steering. Honda and Mazda have had notably scant success with their 4WS models. It appears that, in Europe at least, such a radical development will only be widely accepted when leading names such as BMW or Mercedes adopt the system.

That seal of approval is likely to be some time in coming. No research concept car would dare to make an appearance at a motor show without 4WS, yet it is hard to escape the simple reasoning: "If it is so clever why don't Porsche or Jaguar adopt it?"

Another case of misdirected technology is surely the electronic damper. The driver of a Vauxhall Senator or a BMW M3 can select either "hard, medium or comfort" settings for the car's dampers, thereby adjusting its handling characteristics to suit his driving. Unhappily, two of the settings are invariably so difficult that you are forced to leave the switch in one position — and the expensive electronics idle.

The coming generation of electronic suspension will be worth waiting for, though car makers should be absolutely certain they represent a worthwhile improvement over today's mechanical suspension before introducing them. Motorists can spot a marketing hype and will turn tail.

They did just that with the "talking car". It will probably never return because car makers learned the hard way that drivers believe they are intelligent enough not to be shouted out by a piece of silicon chip.

> Everyone seems to be striving for higher levels of refinement

Electronic instruments raised fewer hackles but car makers have moved only slowly in developing more attractive and effective systems.

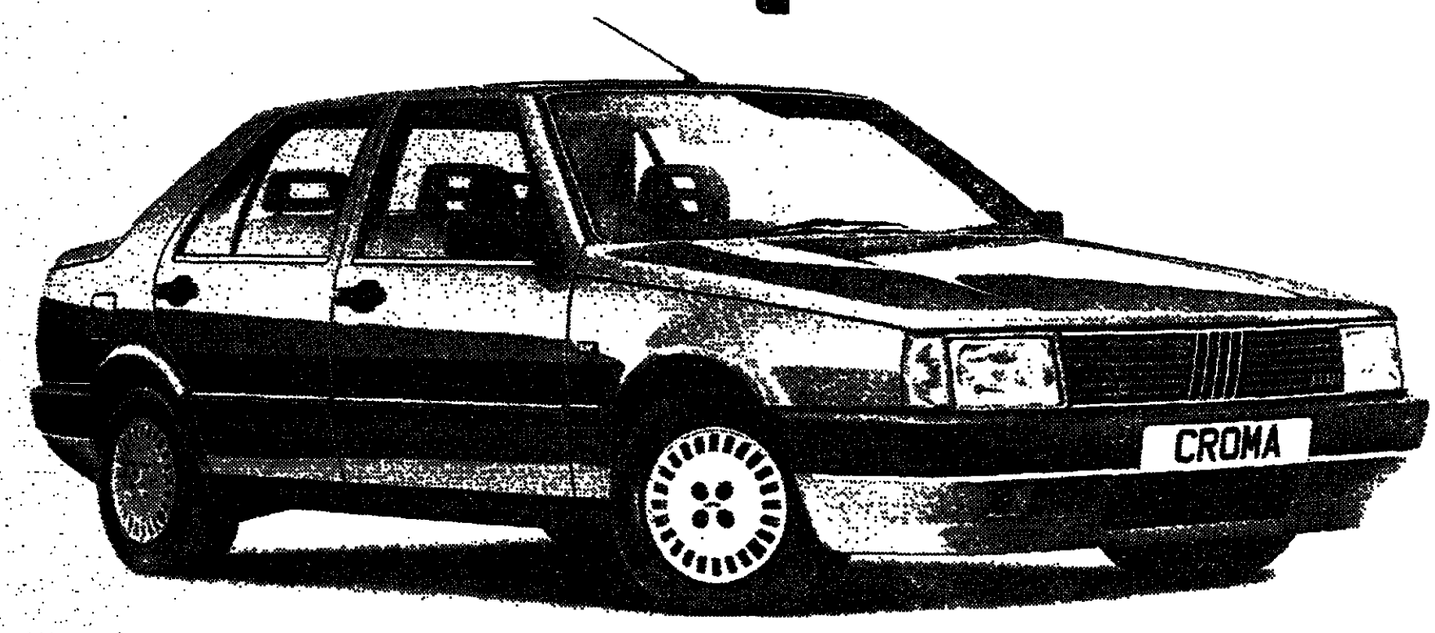
Refinement more than anything has become the objective for the new cars introduced at the Birmingham show. Excellent aerodynamics, powerful engines and ever faster sporting models are part of the normal repertory.

What everyone is striving for is much higher levels of refinement. The new BMW 5 series and Fiat Tipo are the latest examples of genre where weight is no longer pared down to improve fuel economy, but instead added to make the body stiffer. In this way it vibrates less, suppressing road harshness and noise.

The path of progress is less predictable than we think. At Birmingham, enthusiasts will undoubtedly flock to the impressive displays of new sports cars and coupés, starting with the new Aston Martin Virage and then on to the Audi Coupé — making its world début along with the Mazda RX7 Cabrio — and the latest Porsches.

The Motor Show is at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre until Sunday, October 30. Opening hours are 9.30am to 7pm (5.30pm on Sunday). Adults £4, senior citizens and accompanied children £2

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Better safety. Both the Croma SX and the Turbo sport Bosch Electronic 4 wheel ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System) as standard for effortless, controlled braking to match their effortless power. Compare that with the Vauxhall Carlton 2.0i GL and CD, the Rover 827i fastback and the Saab 9000i, which don't. You also have the added security of a 5-year anti-perforation warranty and 3-year warranty insurance on all Croma models.

You'd be hard put to it to better the equipment too, the Croma has every luxury you'd expect from an executive car. Better still, every Croma purchased between 1st September and 31st October comes with a free NEC mobile phone worth £1200, including installation by A.A.‡ Mobile Communications. The NEC allows you to make "hands off" calls so that you can drive as you talk, while your Croma becomes an instant mobile office, saving time and hassles.



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Clifford Webb makes a personal choice of cars at all prices

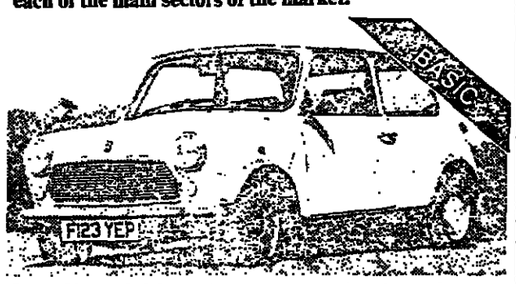
Guide to the best value on the market

The old adage "One man's meat is another man's poison" is never more apt than when applied to choosing a car. When readers, or close friends, ask "What car should I buy?" they are seldom prepared to answer the barrage of questions I fire at them.

How much do you want to pay? How many people do you carry most of the time? Do you need a big boot? What kind of journeys do you do? Do you have to commute along little-used country lanes in winter? What kind of driver are you? The list goes on and long before you have elicited sufficient information to make a helpful suggestion the inquirer reveals – usually unintentionally – that he has made up his own mind and really hopes that you will confirm his choice.

Often it is based on nothing more complex than he, or she, likes its appearance. Yet from the questions already answered it is clear that particular car would not be suitable for their requirements.It only emphasizes one of the biggest problems the world's car makers have had to wrestle with since their pioneering days – attracting the impulsive buyer who accounts for a surprisingly large percentage of new car sales.

What follows, therefore, is my personal choice in each of the main sectors of the market.



Mini City: skittish, ancient, cheap but nice. An ageless gem

Basic, cheap, transport for four people is dominated by the east European countries. The *actual* "cheapest" at £2,789 is the tiny Fiat 126 with its air-cooled 652cc engine but, while Italians will squeeze in four and more, it is hardly realistic transport for four adults.

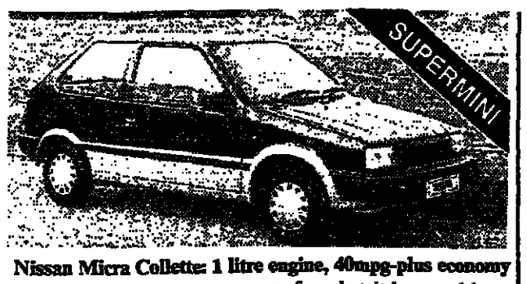
The next cheapest is the Czechoslovak Skoda 105S at £2,898, followed by the Polish FSO 1300 at £2,999, the Russian Lada Riva 1200L at £3,395, and the Yugoslav Yugo 45A at £3,515. These are all sensible, strong if primitive four-seaters of which my reluctant preference would be the Lada.

Another contender is the venerable Citroën 2CV6 (£3,630). Now produced only in Portugal, I find its slow *acceleration, door handles,* lean round corners and draughts too tiring for all but the briefest journeys.

My vote goes to one of the oldest cars in production today and at £4,299 the most expensive in its class – the 29-year-old Mini. Its upright driving position, skittish ride over poor roads, minimal boot and ancient 998cc engine notwithstanding, it is still the best handling small car on the road today. Every time I go back to one I am amazed by its beautifully, balanced feel and remarkable agility. Truly an ageless gem.

The Supermini class is one of the most fiercely fought with a bewildering choice of new and old models – Ford's soon-to-be-replaced Fiesta, Rover's *even* older Metro, Vauxhall's much younger Nova, Fiat's big-selling Uno, the impressive Peugeot 205, the Renault 5, the new Citroën AX, VW's robust Polo, the Spanish made but German developed SEAT Ibiza, and several efficient *Japanese contenders, one of* which is my difficult choice.

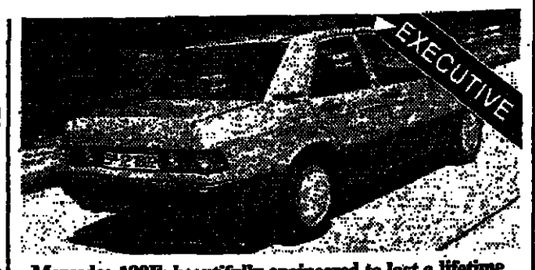
The Nissan Micra launched here in 1983 is not the best looking – that accolade must go to the Citroën AX – but its more functional looking lines are still attractive and enhance its general appearance of *strength* and solidarity.



Nissan Micra Collette: 1 litre engine, 40mpg-plus economy

All versions have the same 1 litre alloy engine, light clutch, smooth gearchange, precise steering with small turning circle, excellent brakes, good driving position and better than average ventilation (critical in a small car).

The ride is poor over rough surfaces but *it has* good handling and road holding. One of its biggest pluses is the economy. Only the cheapest version, the 1.0LS, has a four-speed gearbox but it will still return more than 40mpg, only a couple of mpg down on the 5-speed version – which is my choice of model at £5,975.



Mercedes 190E: beautifully engineered to last a lifetime

Executive cars are best divided into two groups – up to 2 litre and above 2 litre. I'll deal here with the *first. In addition to obvious* "home" based contenders such as the Granada 2.0i Ghia at £14,540, the Vauxhall Carlton 2.0i CD at £14,183 and the Rover 820i at £14,442, the up to 2 litre group is well catered for by German, French, Italian and Japanese manufacturers.

BMW's 3-Series now boasts 17 models of which more than a dozen have proven executive potential while Mercedes with its face-lifted 190 has only half that number.

The Audi 100 2.0E at £14,561 is in need of a "wash and brush up" to brighten its ageing looks but still commands considerable loyalty.

Almost certainly the value for money executive car is the Fiat Croma ie SX, which at only £13,700 must be the best equipped "steal" in its class. Why it does not sell in much greater numbers is a mystery. I can only assume that a Fiat badge is not yet acceptable to status-conscious executives.

Honda's badge, on the other hand, has become quite a cachet and nowhere is it *displayed with more justifica*tion than on the Honda Prelude EX 4WS 2.0i 16 costing £14,800. This attractive two-door coupé with pioneering four-wheel steering represents a challenge to European claims to be leaders in the technology race.

My choice – and I backed it by buying one – is the Mercedes 190E. It is beautifully engineered and built to last a lifetime. It sets standards of safety and ride comfort that are only matched by much larger cars.

When it was launched five years ago it revealed the new, slimmer line since repeated on larger models. The face-lifted version which will reach Britain in a few weeks' time *answers the criticism most* frequently levelled against the 190 – shortage of leg room in the rear and over-firm seats.

New prices are not available at the time of writing but the existing 190E costs £16,350.



Citroën BX 16RE: fast, smooth and a very good towing car

The lower-medium family saloon sector dominated by the Ford Escort generally relates to cars around 13ft long but I am stretching it to include the 13.9ft Citroën BX. It is my *preference* because this is very much the sector for cost-effective, versatile transport – one car capable of doing the work of several.

It has also been around for a few years so its shortcomings, if any, are well documented.

I am prepared to concede that BX's straight line styling designed for ease of manufacturing and maintenance rather than trendy fashion is not everybody's cup of tea.

The BX 16RE takes some beating as a value for money family car. Powered by a lively 1580cc engine giving it a top speed of 106mph and a 0-60 mph time of 11.7 secs it has central locking, electric front windows, rear wash-wipe for the huge rear hatch and a stereo-radio as standard.

The self-levelling suspension brings many bonuses. In addition to the obvious one of balanced load carrying it also gives BX anti-dive braking and anti-lift acceleration. It makes it a fine towing car.

The biggest applause from passengers comes for its smooth, soft ride. My one criticism is the shortage of pockets, shelves and cubby holes for bits and pieces.

The *mass-produced*, popular-priced upper medium sector is catered for by cars such as the Rover Group's much improved Montego, Ford's Sierra/ Sapphire range, Vauxhall's new Cavalier, the new VW Passat, the Mazda 626, the Peugeot 405, the Renault 21, and the Toyota Carina.

My choice is the Sierra Sapphire, the saloon version of the Sierra which appeared *in March last year, nearly five* years after the original hatchback. Ford may have suffered lost sales because of the gap left by the absence of a saloon version.

It is less affected by cross winds on the motorway, has responsive handling and steering, plenty of room for five, a large boot, good ventilation, excellent seats for a mass-produced car and, with the 1.8 litre CVH engine which will *operate unmodified on lead*-free petrol, costs a competitive £9,170 in LX trim.

The standard spec includes sunroof, central locking and tachometer. I would have preferred a 2 litre engine but the existing 2 litre Ford engine is long overdue for replace*ment and the age gap shows.*

The new Peugeot 405 is probably a better car but again my "let other people do the testing" philosophy applies.



Ford Sierra Sapphire L: responsive handling, room for five

The upper executive sector overlaps the luxury car market and it is pointless trying to separate them. I propose to deal with it as one but to add a final classification to cater for the ultimate, money-no-object, flagship range.

The outstanding executive-cum-luxury car has to be the Jaguar Sovereign 3.6 costing £30,500. Launched at the 1986 Birmingham Motor Show to replace its 18-year-old predecessor the new XJ6 range has been immensely successful.

It manages to combine the traditional British approach to luxury travel – deep leather upholstery and wood veneer trim – with such trend setting devices as the J-gate transmission selector combining manual and automatic operation in one ingenious lay-out and a still unmatched ride comfort.

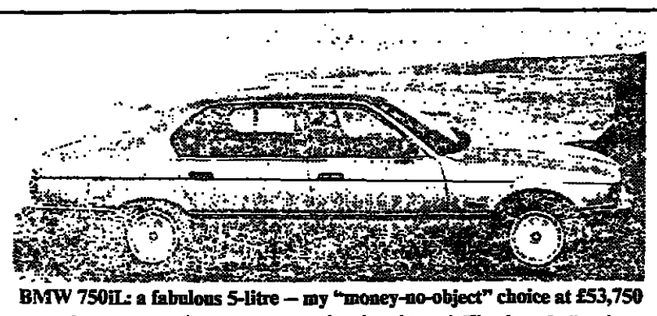
Not even Mercedes "S" class models and BMW's classy new 7-Series costing twice as much can offer the same level of noise-free, smooth, relaxed travel. Thank heavens Jaguar's design team was not prepared to sacrifice its superb ride on the altar of weight saving.

It is also much more sporty in its power delivery and handles like a car half its weight. The initial problems of vibration and noise which plagued the new AJ6 engine were ironed out in the low volume XJS convertible before it went into the new saloon.

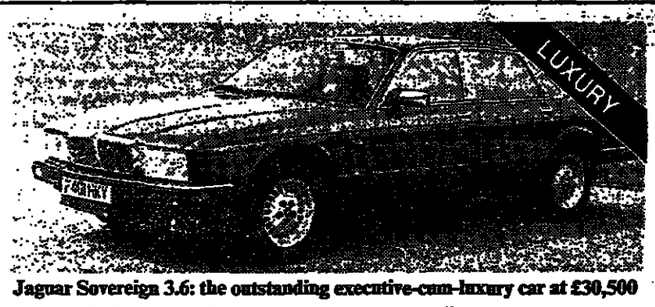
My "money no object" choice is BMW's fabulous new 5 litre, 12 cylinder 750iL costing £53,750. Why not go the whole hog and wave the flag in the process by selecting the ultimate in opulent motoring – a Rolls-Royce or Bentley? The answer *quite* simply is that I have chosen a car to drive myself and despite the recent improvements in their handling the Crewe cars have gone about as far as they can without wholesale redesign work.

The gem in BMW's crown is the new 12-cylinder, alloy engine weighing only 529 pounds yet producing 300bhp and 325 lb ft of torque on lead free petrol without alteration. Top speed is limited to *155 mph only to ensure* that tyre limitations are not exceeded.

There is also a wealth of exciting new technology including an electronic accelerator pedal operating directly to each bank of cylinders (no mechanical link), driver control of ride comfort to match road conditions and driving style, ASC (automatic stability control) to regulate the amount of power applied to the driven wheels when cornering or accelerating in slippery conditions, electric rear seat head restraint adjusters, which operate automatically when a passenger sits down, and computer-controlled air conditioning.



BMW 750iL: a fabulous 5-litre – my "money-no-object" choice at £53,750



Jaguar Sovereign 3.6: the outstanding executive-cum-luxury car at £30,500

Rivalry grows among the best-sellers

Daniel Ward reviews the new middleweight contenders fighting it out at the motor show

It is among the medium-sized cars from the big manufacturers that visitors to the motor show will find the greatest number of new models.

The new Vauxhall Cavalier must rank as the most significant as it will rekindle the rivalry with the Ford Sierra which, after a difficult start in life, *has overtaken* the Vauxhall to head the company car best-seller list.

For the first time, the Cavalier has been designed with the UK company car driver very much in mind, but with the Sierra firmly established and the up-and-coming Peugeot 405 adding a fourth major contender in the company car sector, it faces a tough challenge.

There is no estate car in the series, *though Vauxhall has a* range of modern engines and 16-valve and four-wheel-drive versions to swell the line-up.

Birmingham also sees the long overdue launch of the direct-injection turbo diesel Montego. Most car diesel engines work on the principle of indirect fuel injection which, though up to 15 per cent less efficient than direct injection, is much quieter. Fiat makes the only other direct injection diesel for the Croma.

It has taken Austin Rover and Perkins engineers several years to make noise levels acceptable for the new 2 litre MDi engine.

Diesels are bought for economy and the Montego manages an amazing 35mpg at 56mph and almost 50mpg in urban driving, yet the top speed is 102mph.

In addition to the turbo diesel versions of the Montego estate, a GTi estate car *has* been launched offering the tauter suspension and close-ratio gearbox of the MG, but with the excellent loading carrying capacity of the estate.

This is just one of the new estates at the show. Some months after its launch in France, Peugeot unveils the handsome 405 estate, which enters a sector of the market where the French company has always enjoyed a strong reputation. Mazda proves that load carriers do not have to be slow with the launch of the 127mph 626 2.0i GT estate. The £14,729 *price includes* anti-lock brakes, cruise control and central locking.

Vying for the same type of customers will be the VW Passat estate models, which have just been introduced into Britain. There will be five models in the range, from a 90bhp 1.8 litre CL to the *smart* 136bhp 16-valve GT estate.

After some delay, the right-hand drive models of the four-wheel-drive VW Golf and Jetta Syncro are available in Britain.

Prices for the 90bhp models are £11,864 and £11,574, underlining that the Syncros are not rally cars in disguise but practical four-wheel-drive cars aimed at the veterinary surgeon or midwife living in a *remote area, or for drivers* who need good traction when pursuing leisure activities such as fishing or sailing.

One of the popular cars in this low-cost four-wheel-drive sector of the market used to be the Toyota Tercel. Its replacement is the 4WD Toyota Corolla estate, *which boasts* a permanent four-wheel-drive and 1.6 litre 16-valve engine.

Certain of broader appeal is the Escort class Volvo 440. It will not go on sale in Britain until next spring but the public will see it for the first time at Birmingham. The five-door hatchback powered by a 1.7 litre engine will replace some of the top 300 series models, though Volvo makes it clear that the cheaper 300s *will remain in production* for some years.

Alongside the 440 will be the new turbo version of the 480 coupé. The chassis is well able to cope with more power but turbocharging adds only 13bhp to the 1.7 litre's output.

A rival, at least in size, to the 440 is the Fiat Tipo, which was launched in late July in Britain. It is competitively priced, very roomy and with individual styling – sadly lacking in many new cars.

Almost as new as the Tipo is the Renault 19, which will replace the rather ordinary 9 and 11 models. The 19 will not go on sale here until spring.

Ford has a new upmarket Orion called the 1600E. The £12,500 successor to the old Cortina 1600E has leather seats wood door cappings and special alloy wheels.

Among the smaller cars the Ford Fiesta is making its last appearance – an all-new *model will be out next spring.*

Small diesels are more popular on the Continent but that has not stopped Citroën adding a 1.4 litre diesel to the AX range, to compete in a narrow sector dominated by the Peugeot 205 diesel. The AX is claimed to return 78.5 mpg at 56mph and more than 50mpg around town.

Moving to the other end of the price range, the most interesting new arrival is the Korean Hyundai Sonata. Previously, the company's largest car was the dated Stellar, but the new model takes Hyundai into the manager's class where the Vauxhall Carlton and 2 litre Ford Granada sell strongly.

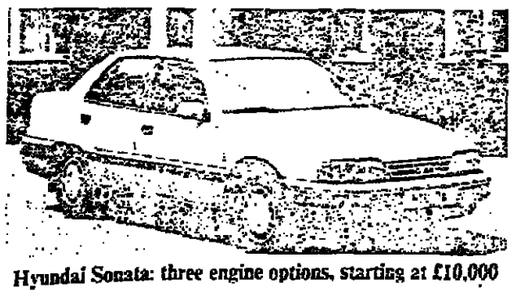
The clean-looking Sonata will have three engine options: *1.8, 2.0 and 2.4 litre, all fuel* injected. And included in the high specification will be air-conditioning and electric sunroof, with a starting price of less than £10,000.

Interest in the executive sector will centre on the new Alfa 164, which combines the *traditional appeal of the fam*ous marque with elegant Pininfarina styling.

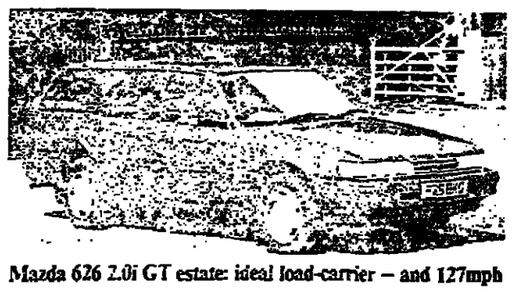
Luxury car buyers will now have the chance to look beyond the familiar Jaguars and Mercedes to the new Audi V8, a car which combines a 32-valve V8 engine and *146mph performance* with automatic transmission and four-wheel drive.

For those who need their cars to go off-road, at least some of the time, the Range Rover is the natural choice. The transmission has undergone considerable development and it is no longer necessary to lock the transmission manually when the going gets very slippery. The viscous coupling – used in many four-wheel-drive cars – takes care of the locking automatically, while an epicyclic gear train allows the low-speed gear range to be selected much more easily.

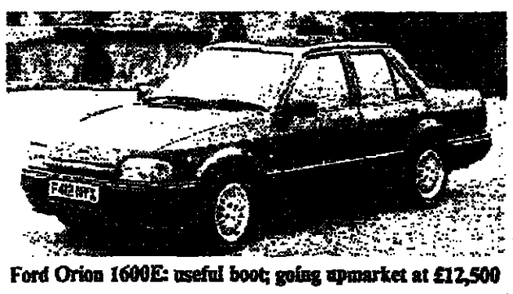
For smaller pockets, Daihatsu launches the Sportrak, *offering for the first time a 16*-valve petrol engine in this type of rugged machine.



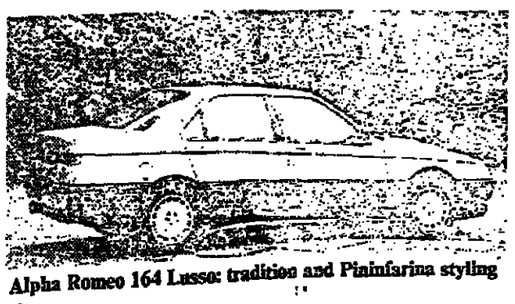
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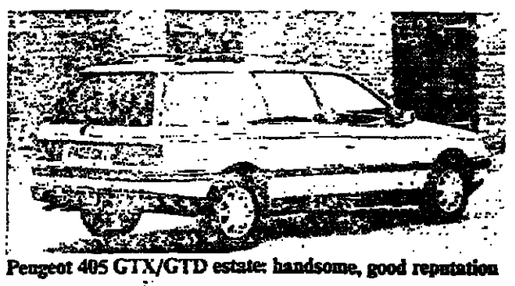
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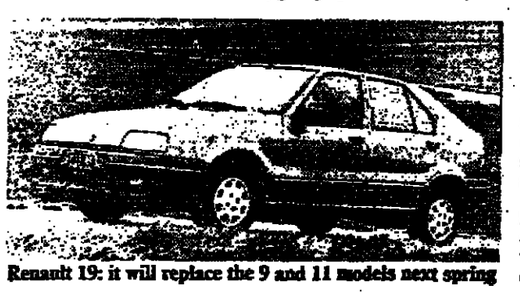
Ford Orion 1600E: useful boot; going upmarket at £12,500



Alpha Romeo 164 Lusso: tradition and Pininfarina styling



Peugeot 405 GTX/GTD estate: handsome, good reputation



Renault 19: it will replace the 9 and 11 models next spring

Pulling Rover into profit

Less than a month ago British Aerospace finally took over management control of the Rover Group, the Metro to Range Rover car maker, for the modest sum of £150 millions, *writes Daniel Ward.*

It is reasonable to consider whether Rover's new owner will embark on another radical top-to-bottom plan to knock the former state-owned company into shape.

For a company that has been hitting the headlines for more than a decade as successive managements have brought in new philosophies, further re-thinking of Rover's future would once again undermine confidence in its products. Yet there are increasing signs that Rover is getting its house in order, *not just in* turning huge financial losses into a small profit but in the way cars are designed, developed and, most importantly, marketed and sold.

When BMC unveiled the Austin 1100 in the mid 1960s it was to be the company's last popular, mass-market car. Never again was BMC or later British Leyland or Austin Rover, to have a car which could honestly rival cars such as the Ford Escort or Cortina. When Graham Day arrived to run Rover in 1986 the evidence that Austin Rover was no longer a mass producer was compelling. Car production hovered around 400,000 units a year.

The chance to return Austin Rover to the role of a volume producer had long passed and so a new course was set to become a British specialist, in the mould of BMW, under the single banner of Rover.

Such a plan requires both the right models and the right image. The way new cars are developed, not just whether the styling is neat and acceptable, is fundamental to long-term success though this behind-the-scenes work attracts *little attention.* The Maestro typifies the bad old days. It was styled in the late 1970s, before the Metro, which was launched first.



Graham Day: setting a new course for Rover cars

With insufficient time available for development, the management of the day decided the dull styling needed to be given a boost by adding all-plastic bumpers, well ahead of the rest of the industry. Instead of a contemporary *specification,* managers decided the Maestro should have an advanced electronic carburettor and electronic instruments. All were hurriedly and poorly developed.

Roland Bertodo, director of product engineering at Austin Rover, rejects the old-style "just make it work" *approach.*

He says: "The customer's prime consideration is reliability and he does not see himself as an extension to the development department."

The engineering management has also been radically changed to develop cars much faster. A part to a new design, which previously took suppliers up to 26 weeks to profile, soon will have to be ready in eight weeks.

Mr Bertodo will not be short **of exacting tests to prove whether his approach has eradicated the shortcomings of the past. Next autumn will see the launch of the new Rover 300 into the "Escort class" powered by a new K series engine which in 1990 will also be found under the bonnet of the re-designed Metro.**

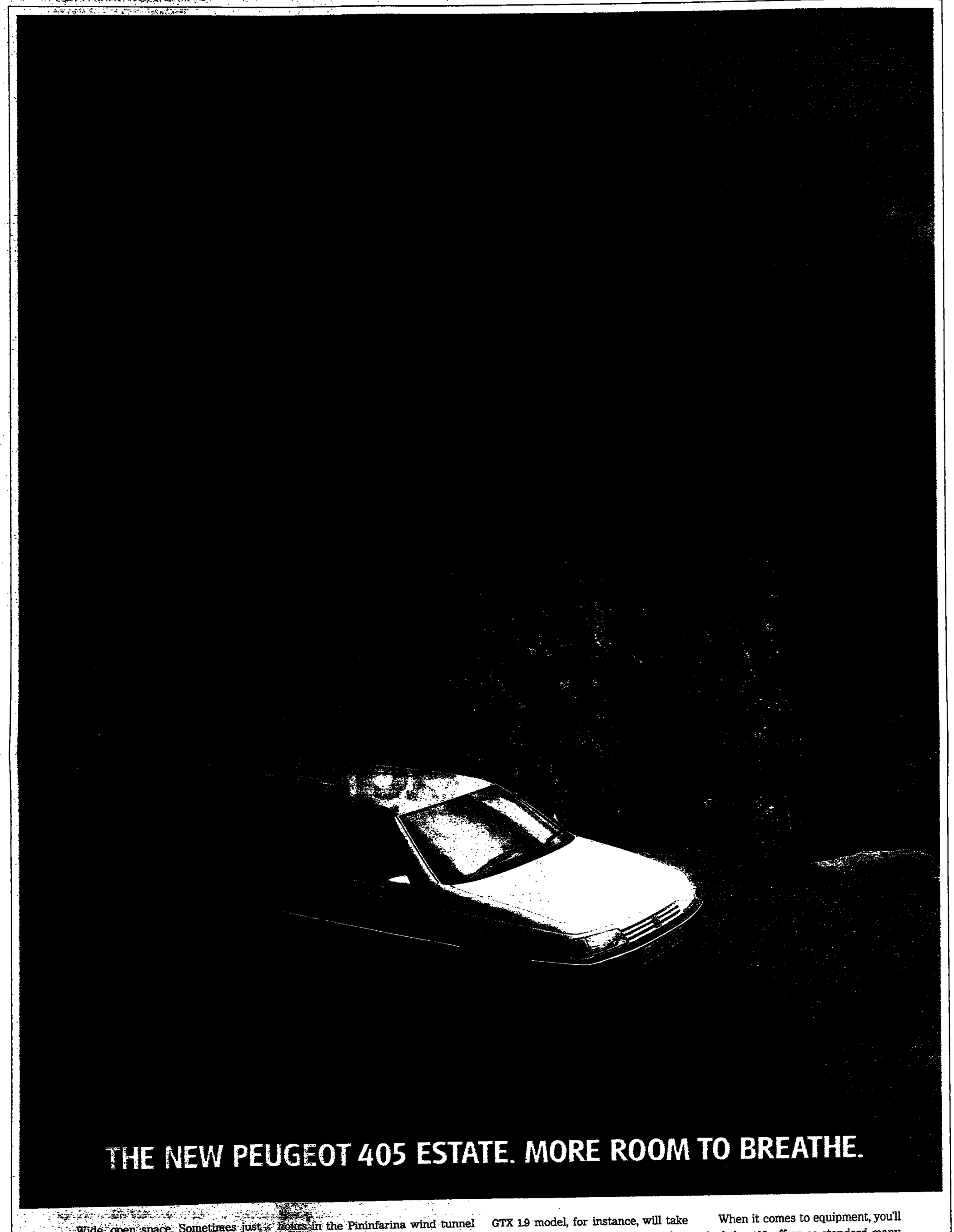
The first steps have already been taken to achieve a new company image with a dramatic improvement in the company's advertising, and sales effort among the British fleet customers.

Brian Fuller, **director of international operations at Austin Rover, says: "We have probably done more market research this year *in Europe* than in the past 10 years."**

Much of that is in readiness for the switch to a range of exclusively Rover cars. In 1988 Rover Group, helped by strong sales of Range Rovers and the turn-around at Austin Rover, will probably return its first net *profit for a decade.*

Next spring the Austin name will be dropped and dealers will adopt the grey and burgundy colours of Rover. It will be the first test in the transformation of the car maker's image.

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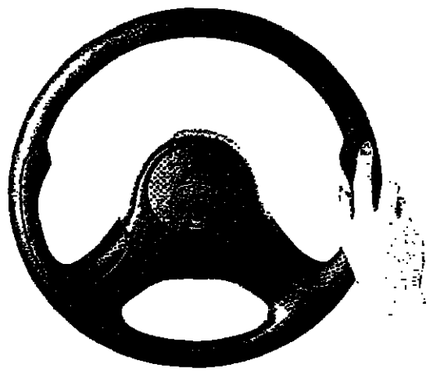
Some of the most popular options in the catalogue are being made standard.

And there are dozens of other detail changes; too many to show on this page.

One way or another, nearly every model in the range is affected. So, whether you're looking for a Sapphire saloon, a Sierra estate, or hatchback, you'll find it's now better equipped than ever.

The new Sierras are at Ford dealers now, along with the latest Escorts and Orions.

Why not call in and see them. We're sure you'll find it's worth your while.



Power steering. Option price £550*. Now it's standard on Sierra Ghia and Sapphire Ghia. So steering's light when parking's tight.

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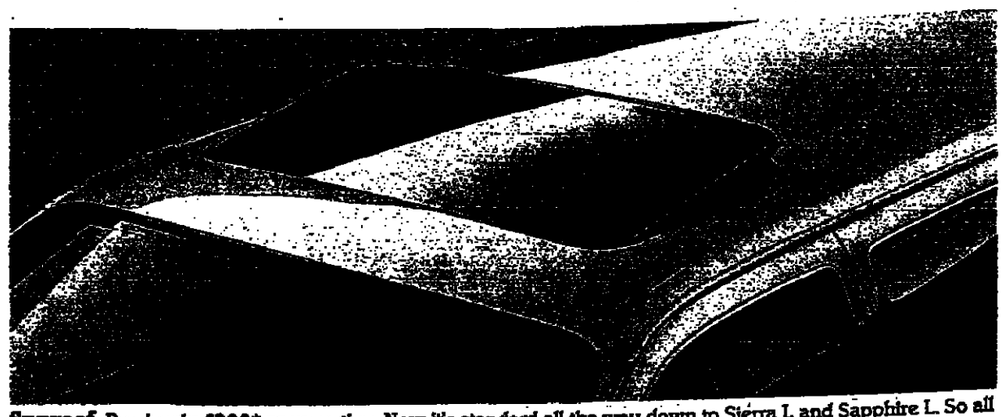
Headlight wash/wipe. Option price £150*. But now it's standard on Sierra GLS and Sapphire GLS and on both Ghias. And on the XR4x4. So your headlights will stay bright on the dirtiest night.



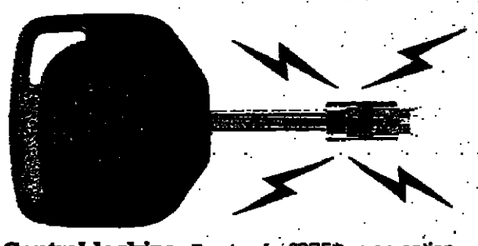
Electric front windows. Previously £250* as an option. Now they're standard on the Sierra GL and Sapphire GL. Especially handy at ticket barriers and toll gates.



Electrically heated windscreen. Option price £120*. Now it's standard on Sierra Ghia and Sapphire Ghia and on the Sierra 4x4. So you won't have to wait for your engine to warm up before you can defrost your screen.

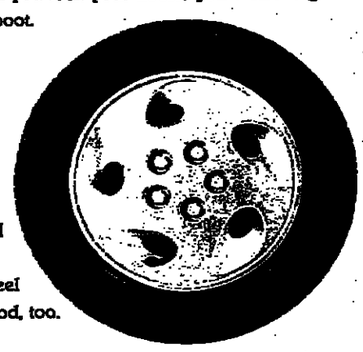


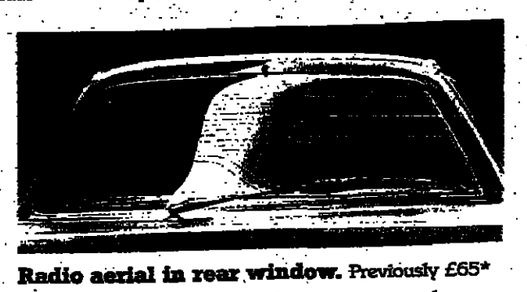
Sunroof. Previously £390* as an option. Now it's standard all the way down to Sierra L and Sapphire L. So all we need is some sun.



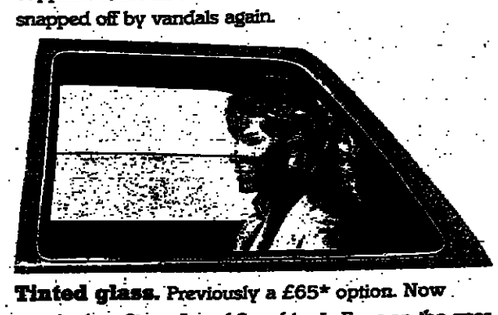
Central locking. Previously £275* as an option. Now it's standard on the Sierra LX and Sapphire LX. So now when you lock your doors, you won't forget to lock your boot.

New wheels. 185/65x14 wheels and tyres now standard on Sierra LX and Sapphire LX. The new wheel trims look good, too.



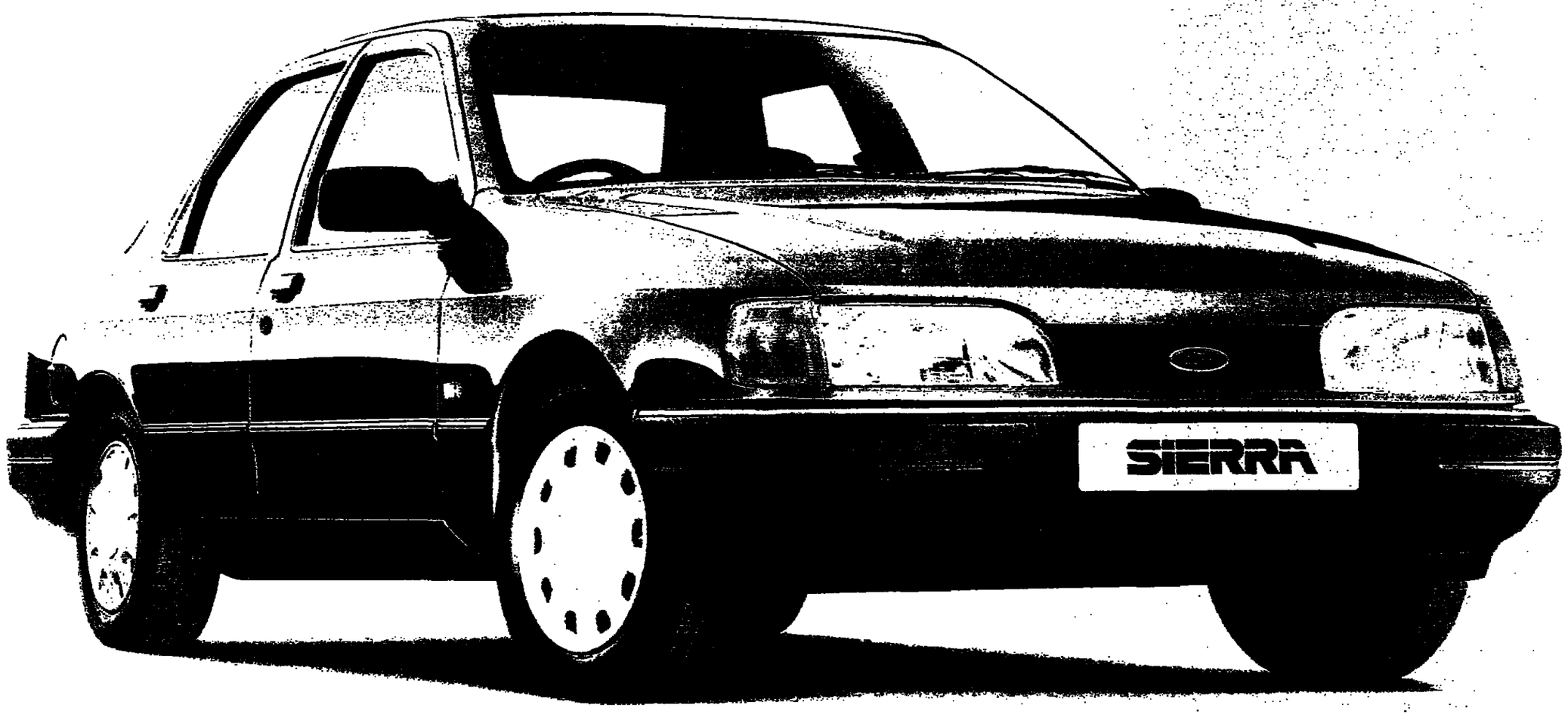


Radio aerial in rear window. Previously £65* as an option. Now it costs nothing on Sierra and Sapphire L, LX and GL. Your aerial will never be snapped off by vandals again.



Tinted glass. Previously a £65* option. Now standard on Sierra L and Sapphire L. Easy on the eyes.

Sierra standards raised again.



The latest 2.0 litre Sierra Sapphire GL, now with new wheels, electric front windows and its radio aerial in the rear window, and many other detail improvements.

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The Ford Sierra.

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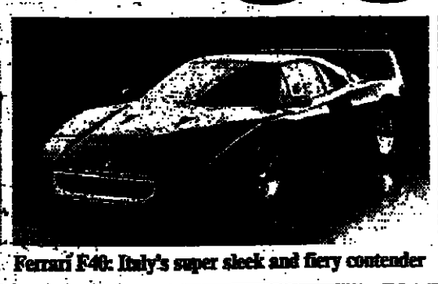
THE MOTOR SHOW/3

European manufacturers counter the Japanese macho market

A sporting gamble



Panther Solo II: mid-engined with four-wheel drive



Ferrari F40: Italy's super sleek and fiery contender



Volkswagen Corrado: limited 20,000 production run

The Japanese, who already dominate Europe's mass-produced sports-car market, are lifting their sights to take on high-flyers such as Porsche and Ferrari with a bewildering number of new, upmarket, high-tech models. But the first of this new wave – reported to be a Nissan rival for the Porsche 944 Turbo – will not appear before late next year.

That has left the field clear at this year's motor show for a new British sports car to steal the limelight. The Aston Martin Virage, a 155 mph, two-door, four-seater, replaces the 20-year-old V8 range next autumn.

With a sleek, wind-cheating aluminium body – the work of British stylists Heffernan and Greenley – it features a 32-valve development of Aston Martin's all-alloy, 5.4-litre, V8 engine designed to run on unleaded fuel, increased head and legroom using the same wheelbase, more boot space and improved suspension.

There will be disappointment that Aston Martin has not gone for a more exciting, eye-catching shape but Victor Gauntlett, the chairman, says that would have been a mistake.

"It was important that, though new in virtually every way, the Virage was of evolutionary rather than revolutionary design," he said.

The fixed-head coupé will be followed by a Volante Convertible next year and Vantage in 1990. By that time Mr Gauntlett expects to be handbuilding six cars a week at the Newport Pagnell factory.

Another European newcomer making its British debut is the Volkswagen Corrado. For a normally conservative company such as VW to take on all the conquering Japanese sports coupés in this way is quite a gamble. However the German giant is determined to lift its sporting image beyond that of the much-copied and no longer dominant Golf GTi.

Exclusivity is guaranteed only by restricted production. In Corrado's case 20,000 a year will be split between VWs markets world-wide, all produced by the specialist car builder Karmann, leaving its mass-production models to automated Wolfsburg.

Two versions have been announced. Both are on display in Birmingham. The most exciting is the G60, which features a supercharger-equipped version of the 1.8-litre, 8-valve, injected engine from the Golf GTi. The G-Lader developed in-house boosts output to 160bhp and avoids the power-lag problem of the now-universal turbo-charger.



Reliant Scimitar SS2: Britain's challenger with 450 detail changes from previous model

The second version, using the latest 16V GTi engine producing 136bhp, will be the first to appear in Britain in right-hand-drive form, probably next March. It is expected to cost about £16,500.

The G60 will not be available in right-hand drive until later. Meanwhile you can order it in left-hand guise for about £19,000.

Power is progressive and plentiful but if the "supercharger" billing leads buyers to expect acceleration, they will be disappointed.

There is nothing disappointing, however, about the way the car handles. That has to be the best-handling car from Wolfsburg to date, beating the outstanding Golf GTi by a fair margin.

Panther, the Korean-owned specialist car-maker, is showing the two latest prototypes of Solo II, the mid-engine, four-wheel-drive sports car first seen at last year's Frankfurt show. Y. C. Kim, the company's boss, has made clear that despite criticism of the delay he will not put Solo II into production until "it is absolutely right in every detail".

The latest thinking suggests it will be ready by mid-1989 – not a day too soon for the 90 customers who have placed deposits on a car expected to cost about £30,000.

Panther recently moved to a new factory at Harlow, Essex, to obtain the extra space for a production line for the new car while still continuing to turn out alloy-bodied, classically styled Kallistas.

Porsche's fortunes have taken a setback this year as falling demand forced it to cut production for the first time for many years. To the Stuttgart company, it is only a hiccup on the way to greater heights. It is using the Birmingham show to spotlight new models such as the four-wheel-drive 911 Carrera 4 and Cabrio 944 to carry its hopes in one of its most important export markets.

Clifford Webb

Bentley driving back to glory



Bentley Turbo R: now out-selling its Rolls-Royce sister

The 1980s have seen a slow but encouraging improvement in the fortunes of Bentley Motors, the company founded in 1919 by the late Walter Owen Bentley, or "W O" to three generations of enthusiasts for this great marque, *writes Clifford Webb.*

Today more than a third of all the cars produced by Rolls-Royce Motors' factory at Crewe are Bentleys and this year they outsold Rolls-Royce models in the British market by 52 per cent to 48 per cent. An order placed now for a Bentley Turbo R might secure delivery for Christmas 1989.

Introduced into the United States only a few weeks ago the Turbo R is already changing hands at well above the official price of $145,000.

There are still those, however, who firmly believe that Bentley has been in the doldrums since it was sold to Rolls-Royce in 1931 for £125,175 instead of the rival bidder, Napier. They insist that Napier – a former competitor to Rolls-Royce as a luxury car maker but then without a car – would have maintained Bentley's individuality and not seconded it to the interests of another make.

After the heady days of the 1920s and early 1930s, when the green monsters had win after win on the race tracks of Europe, what followed was inevitably a let-down. W O was persuaded to join Rolls-Royce as technical adviser to the managing director but it was quickly apparent that he was unable to influence design and left in 1935 to join Lagonda.

Because it was still the day of the coachbuilt luxury car, Rolls-Royce continued to build Bentleys with their own bodies. But the magic was going fast. It died with the onset of the Second World War. After the war, Rolls-Royce moved car production from Derby to Crewe

That move ushered in the era of the factory-made steel body shared by the two marques. Critics have been saying ever since that a Bentley is a Rolls-Royce with a different radiator grille minus the Spirit of Ecstasy mascot.

It is difficult to pinpoint when Bentley's fortunes began to recover. Some people have suggested it began in 1980 with an insignificant move – naming a new model. Rolls had just introduced the Silver Spirit with the company's new body and someone with a touch of inspiration decided to stop identifying the Bentley version with a letter of the alphabet, i.e. T series, but to call it the Bentley Mulsanne after the name of the straight at Le Mans where the marque recorded its famous victories.

> The turbo gives 50 per cent more power and a top speed of 135mph

That was followed two years later by the Bentley Mulsanne Turbo with 50 per cent more power, a top speed of 135mph and a 0-60mph time of seven seconds. It was still a Rolls-Royce by another name but it rekindled the flame of Bentley's sporting image.

The breakthrough on which there is widest agreement for lifting Bentley sales was the appearance at the 1985 Geneva Motor Show of the Bentley Turbo R. Still using the same 6.75 litre, alloy V8 engine, the shared body now sported wind cheating air dams, alloy wheels and – most important of all – the first significant attempt for a long time to improve the handling of Crewe cars.

The move followed the appointment two years earlier of Mike Dun, the engineering director, who declared that he had given himself a "very simple target but a difficult task – to make the handling of these two and a half ton cars enjoyable".

There is a limit to what can be done with the present body although on the same stand at Geneva as the Turbo R was a glimpse of possible future thinking in the shape of Project 90. This full-sized styling mock-up of a two-door Bentley coupé made extensive use of plastics and alloy to overcome the biggest handling problem – the car's weight.

Sadly, Project 90 has been gathering dust ever since.

Peter Ward, the chief executive of Rolls-Royce Motors, readily acknowledges that the great days of Bentley will not return until it has its own body and visibly separate identity. The investment required to tool up for a new body is something that can only be contemplated at long intervals. It will take around 17 years to amortize the cost of the shared body.

On that basis it could be the mid-90s before we have a "real" Bentley.

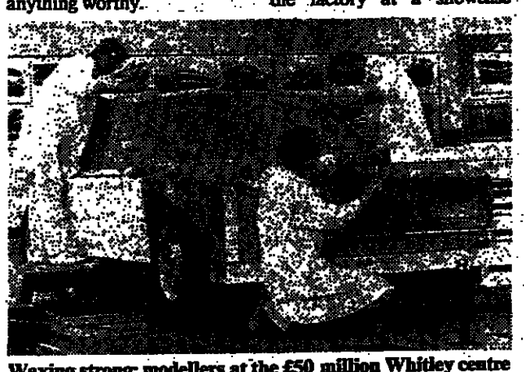
Jaguar sets up shop in an engineer's paradise

Jaguars used to be designed and developed by a team of engineers working in cramped, ramshackle red-brick buildings squeezed in alongside the assembly factory on the Browns Lane site in Coventry, *writes Daniel Ward.*

It seemed a considerable feat that the styling department, working in a studio the size of a few rooms, achieved anything worthy.

Vital test equipment had to be housed on a series of leantos. Conditions had to improve if the company was to develop world-beating cars and Jaguar needed more space at Browns Lane to build cars. Replacing the engineering buildings by a factory extension was a logical move.

The result is that the 1,000 engineering staff are now housed six miles away from the factory at a showcase £55 million engineering centre. Any of the world's makers would be happy to develop cars in such ideal surroundings, where advanced design technology and modern architecture vie for attention.



Waxing strong: modellers at the £50 million Whitley centre

The first styling sketch through to the building and testing of prototype cars and engines can be carried out within the secure walls of the Whitley centre. For a new car such as the F-type Jaguar sports car due to be launched in 1993, the six- or seven-year process of design and development starts with styling.

The team of 30 was the first to set up shop at Whitley, which was formally opened in May this year. They have 10 times the space of Browns Lane. Drawing new styles will probably never disappear but in the use of computer-aided design (Cad), Geoff Lawson, Jaguar's chief stylist, says: "We are well ahead of the rest of the world it seems".

From the new body style on the computer terminal it is possible to produce a mathematical data base which can directly instruct a £750,000 Mecof modelling machine. That can automatically machine the body or merely a bumper in epoxy or foam, saving the considerable time needed for a skilled modeller working in clay.

As the car is styled, so engineers must design every part of the body, ensuring it will be strong, safe and durable. New Jaguars will be engineered entirely on Cad screens, alongside the electrical system, the engine and suspension.

The heavy emphasis on networks of computers will allow designers to work simultaneously, eliminating much of the re-designing that occurred as the design moved closer to the finished car.

Mike Renucci, project leader at Whitley, says: "The traditional sequence was for each department to do its work then pass it over to the next." Teams with members from every department now work together on a project.



Ready to take on the world: Jaguar saloons and sports cars worth millions of pounds awaiting abroad at Southampton Docks

Much of the work is carried out in a drawing office the size of an aircraft hanger where 300 engineers beaver away in the hushed environment of a reading library.

Instead of committing millions of pounds of tooling to build the prototypes for testing, Jaguar plans to build up to 100 cars from special low-cost tooling in future. Those will be thoroughly tested and any improvements made before the tooling for the production models is made, eliminating costly changes which cause delays.

Prototype car testing is rapidly becoming more sophisticated. By mounting a car on a special six-axis hydraulic rig, massive jacks attached to each wheel can shake and jerk the car, simulating either the potholes of New York streets or the squeak-inducing ridges and bumps of the Fosse Way. On the rig it is possible to complete in a few weeks the 1,250-mile test which used to take five months.

Such advanced machines have allowed Jaguar to halve the road mileage needed for testing yet it is still necessary to check if mud or dust builds up and causes problems.

Smaller rigs will slam doors 100,000 times automatically to simulate 12 years of hard life, ash trays are opened and closed by machine 5,000 times, and a weighted manikin "squirms" on a leather seat 55,000 times in three weeks. It would take even a fidgety driver 12 years to create similar wear.

The biggest single investment at Whitley was in the powertrain – engines and gearboxes – department where £16 million bought 24 computer-controlled engine test cells as well as one where scientific sound tests can be carried out.

Jaguar's engineers regard the facility as "the best that money can buy for engine testing". Just as significant is the department's ability to carry out all engine and gearbox development under one roof.

To design the best cars in the world it makes sense to treat the engineers as the best. Jaguar's chosen 1,000 employees now have the best tools in the business.

Daniel Ward traces one of Vauxhall's continuing sales success stories

The new breed of Cavalier

The Vauxhall Cavalier is the only model, apart from the Ford Sierra, to have headed the league of best-selling company cars since the demise of the Cortina. The front-wheel drive Vauxhall put the Sierra against the ropes when the sleek Ford was launched in 1982 to a motoring world uncertain about its styling.

Poor stability on motorways in cross-winds and other faults sent fleet car managers running to Vauxhall.

The Cavalier proved worthy of such attention, earning a reputation for reliability and longevity. Put simply, they always started in the morning and rarely let the company driver down. The Sierra has fought its way back and in doing so raised the level of competition for company car sales; a sunroof and electronic stereo included in the L model equipment for a company car are proof of the bidding to attract fleet orders.

The launch of a new Cavalier gives Vauxhall a new opportunity to challenge the Sierra. It marks the first time that Opel's engineers and stylists have designed a car primarily for the British market.

The reason is simply that more Cavaliers will be sold in Britain than in any other single European country including Germany, where the Cavalier is sold as the Opel Vectra. With at least 70 per cent of Cavaliers being bought by companies in Britain, it made good sense to ensure the car exactly met their needs.

Hence inside the car there are storage trays and cubby holes where ever you look, plus a storage rack for cassettes. Every shelf or tray has a non-slip rubber mat to stop the contents sliding.

Ford has traditionally scored highly with company car drivers by providing attractive interiors which avoid appearing down market. Belatedly, Vauxhall has responded and styled an excellent interior that is both neat and modern and more airy than previous efforts. The choice of materials, particularly on the top CD models, is superior to the drab German-orientated selection of the past.

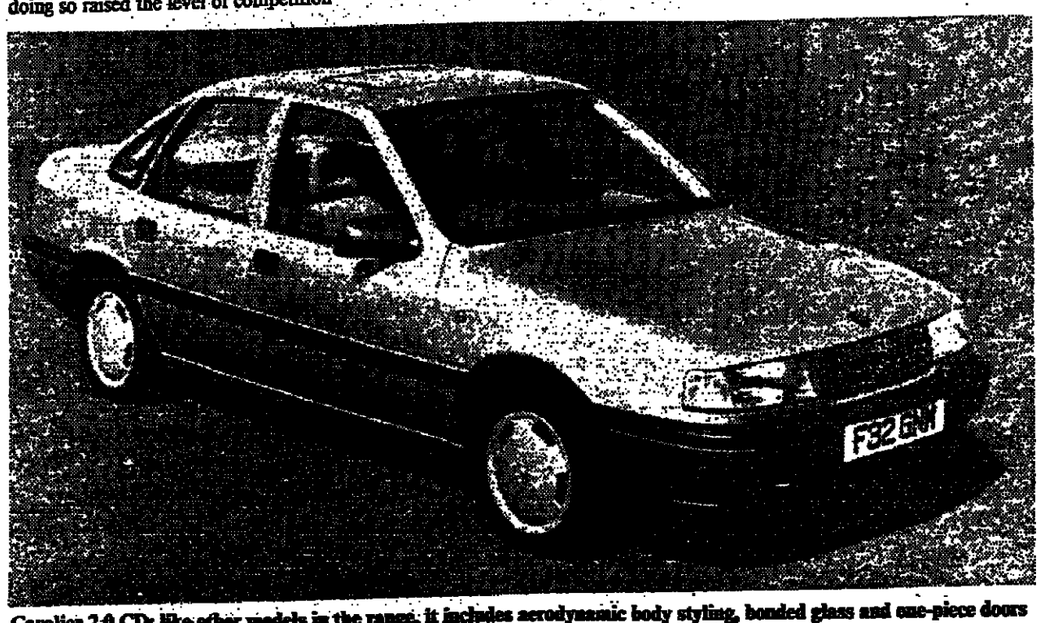
Inside, the feeling is of a car more ruggedly built than either Vauxhall's Astra or the Peugeot 405 which competes more closely with the Cavalier.

Standard equipment is impressive as central locking, with the additional benefit of dead-locking, is fitted to every model from the L upwards. Dead-locking disengages the lock mechanism so that even if the window is broken a thief will not be able to release the door using the interior lever.

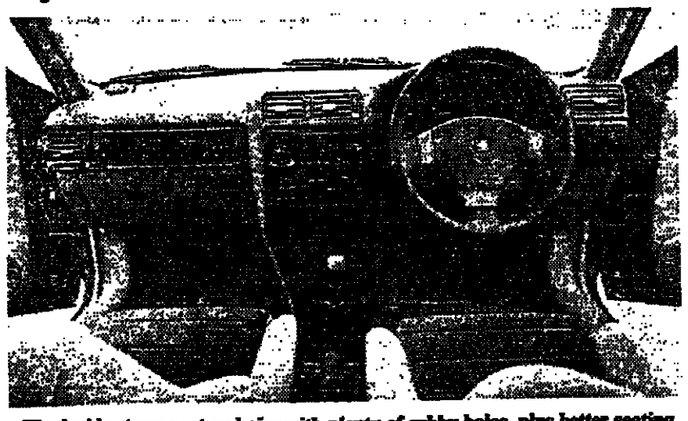
Seat comfort is a strong point and the driving position is improved, although the steering wheel is further away from the driver than might be expected. The previously awkward pedal layout has been abandoned in favour of a much better layout.

Among the quartet of British company cars, dimensions vary by only a few inches although the Cavalier, like its predecessor, is at the lower end of the range, which has the Montego as the longest and the Peugeot as the widest. Leg-room in the front and boot capacity are good but rear-seat leg and head room are disappointingly inferior to the rivals'.

While Peugeot appeared happy to launch the 405 saloon with a large sill over which to lift luggage into the boot, Vauxhall has lowered the Cavalier's sill by six inches compared with the previous model.



Cavalier 2.0 CD: like other models in the range, it includes aerodynamic body styling, bonded glass and one-piece doors



The inside story: neat and airy with plenty of cubby holes, plus better seating

Outside, the Cavalier has gone from being just smart to a new shape which includes all the latest aerodynamic features such as bonded glass, an absence of rain gutters, semi-flush side glass and one-piece doors. The aerodynamic drag co-efficient of 0.29 is excellent and significantly better than the rivals'.

Only Peugeot can match Vauxhall/Opel's investment in new engines which are combined with a superbly smooth-changing four-speed automatic and a modified five-speed manual gearbox which lacks the slickness achieved by other manufacturers. A new and more efficient 1.4 litre engine has been spawned from the able 1.3 unit and a lighter more modern 82bhp 1.6 litre engine replaces the previous 90bhp unit of this size. On the road the improved mid-range torque of the 1.6 is an advantage but the drop in power is noticeable.

From being one of the faster accelerating "sales reps" cars, the Vauxhall is now only an average performer. Claims that fuel economy is significantly improved will impress fleet managers.

The 2.0 litre engine fitted with the latest Bosch fuel injection system is available in both 115 and 130bhp form. Next year it will be complemented by a 156bhp 16-valve engine that will power the Cavalier GSi to more than 135mph. The 16-valve engine will also be linked to four-wheel-drive; a 130bhp 4X4 is already in the range.

A brief initial test drive provided evidence of much work done to eliminate the old car's few bugbears. It is now quieter, with a more supple ride and sharper handling. Yet while the 2.0 CD is a vastly better machine, the more important 1.6L may well be judged no better than the stylish Peugeot 405.

Improvements are continually made, even to older models, in the competitive company car sector, so the Cavalier's rivals have not been standing still as the new car has made its début.

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Is the typist now just a relic?

Sales of business equipment are buoyant, but profit margins are tight – the perfect recipe for a shake-out, says *Malcolm Brown*. The arithmetic of trying to keep ahead of the competition in these circumstances is daunting – as visitors will see at this year's International Business Show, Earls Court, London, *which is open today* until Friday

The most dramatic switch in office equipment is the move out of typewriters and into word processors. Until 1980 about 180,000 mechanical or electro-mechanical typewriters were sold a year. It was largely a replacement market; a good machine was reckoned to have a 10-year life.

When the fully electronic machine came along in 1980 it grabbed the market and sales continued to grow dramatically until 1986. Now they are being upstaged by low-cost word processors and personal computers with word-processing capabilities, particularly those, such as Amstrad, which are heavily promoted.

Typewriter sales plateaud in 1986, began to slide in 1987 and this year will almost certainly have dropped off significantly.

Keith Wharton, an analyst of Wharton Information Systems, says of the electronic typewriter: "In 1980 it was nothing. By 1990 *its going to be nothing. A whole* industry has come and gone in just 10 years."

The fact that manufacturers such as Olivetti, IBM and Cannon are all well diversified into other machines such as personal computers does not relieve them of the problem of what to do with the spare production capacity that increasingly looks like becoming available if typewriter sales carry on sliding.

But if electronic typewriters are the bear market, there are still plenty of bulls around:

Personal computers

More than 338,000 PCs were sold in the UK last year. Mr Wharton is forecasting 540,000 in 1988, about *a third of which will be* used primarily for word processing.

The two front runners in the UK are Amstrad and IBM. The memory size of machines has gone up dramatically, there are a lot more colour monitors available, and about one in six machines today is being sold with a laser printer.

Software

Customers are also buying more software. The use of PCs in the office has changed greatly in a short time. Two years ago, 80 per cent of the PCs were shared by several people in a department. Those bought for individual use were the exception.

Today the figures have been *turned on their head*: 80 per cent of the machines sold in the last 12 months have been sold for one-person use.

Facsimile transmission (Fax)

Fax has been around for many years, but it is only recently that it has begun to take off. Fewer than 100,000 fax machines were sold in the UK last year. This year the total could be 160,000. When Queen Victoria first acquired a telephone she was delighted, but she was not amused when she realized that none of her friends had one. The phone only became a winner when a certain critical number had been sold. The same is now expected for fax.

The postal strike a few months ago probably underlined the trend. Soon, the experts say, businessmen will not be able to afford not to have one – instant transmission of documents will become the norm.

A crucial psychological barrier is the price of £1,000-plus. As prices start to drop below that even more orders are expected.

Desktop publishing (DTP)

This is one of the buzz technologies of the mid-1980s. Small but influential groups of people have realized that quality printing can now be done for a fraction of traditional costs by linking high definition laser printers to low cost computers. It started as a bit of an experiment but is now taken very seriously. Several big companies are starting to print all their in-house materials using DTP and the signs are that the improved quality of reproduction is being noticed throughout organizations. This means that DTP could become an important part of all sorts of work. Think of the difference in appearance between manually typed pages and those done on an electronic typewriter. *The same step-change* in clarity is going to be available with DTP.



When I first heard about computer networking I was a little confused. Discovered that all it means is that all your computers, including all the information within them, and all your printers are all linked up to each other and shared by everyone on the network.

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Personally, I always thought computers were supposed to do things like that anyway. They obviously don't though, and Father thought it was time that his company's should. Perhaps he's right for once.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. 11.30 a.m.

Business must be going very well at the moment. Without as much as a second thought, Father has just spent £199 on each PC for this new network called MainLan. Why he has roped me into setting it up for him though, I have no idea.

MainLan is obviously meant for smaller businesses. It comes complete with everything you need, and a surprisingly simple guide that tells you exactly how to put it all together. It all looks so easy, I am sure that even Father could do it.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. 12.35 p.m.

That didn't take long to set up. Still no sign of Father. I fully expect him to be in the Three Horseshoes *by now. I think it is time to explore the* fruits of my labour.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd. 2.55 p.m.

Now I know why Father insisted on the MainLan network. I have been playing with it for quite a while and it really is stacked full of features. I am sure they could charge an awful lot more for it.

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What has also amazed me is that it is so easy to understand. The software is written in ordinary, everyday English, and a very simple 'menu' quite literally leads you through the program.

They use Lotus software here, but the manual tells me that MainLan works quite happily with other leading makes of software.

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Father is back. I am pleased to see that he is not taking advantage of the new licensing laws. He'll be pleased with MainLan. He'll be able to understand it. *I wonder if he'll increase my pocket money. I doubt it.*

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Passing on the message faster

The fax industry's governing body, the BFICC, says there are more than a quarter of a million fax machines in use in the UK. The growth of the fax has been staggering, *writes Ken Young.*

From a base of 86,000 users at the end of 1986, sales are doubling each year and it is estimated the total will top 500,000 by 1990 – nearly five times the number of telexes.

The secret of the fax machine's success is simplicity and speed. Most machines are easier to use than domestic videos and deliver their message in a matter of seconds.

The sheer size of the fax market means that choosing a machine *can be a complex* operation. There are around 100 products available, each with different features.

The most recent trend has been the move away from bulky photocopier-like machines to desktop, or even portable units. A typical example is British Telecom's recently launched Merlinfax *CF9. It is only about double* the size of a standard telephone answering machine and costs £995.

In an effort to stand out in an increasingly crowded market, fax manufacturers are seeking new ways of adding value. Market leader NEC has decided to set the trend with the newly launched Nefax-2. It *is the first machine to combine* a featurephone, copier, fax and answering machine in one unit. It costs £1,295 plus VAT.

Recently fax has become more attractive to small professional businesses with the introduction of plain paper machines. The running costs are higher but it means that faxed documents can be stored *without fear of deterioration* – standard fax paper is thinner and less stable.

With so many products to choose from buyers are beginning to realize that buying a fax is much like buying a computer. The secret is to work out what you expect to use it for and then to match the product with your needs.

The more of the following features required the more upmarket you must go:

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- **Ability to cope with a range of paper sizes**
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- ***Extensive polling* number memory: saves the hassle of rekeying well-used numbers**
- **Encryption: allows the fax to communicate confidential information**

So what are the real costs of using fax? A fully featured machine is likely to cost up to £5,000. The cost of transmission is about 5p at peak local call rates, and paper bought by the roll works out at around 6p a sheet. It is unwise to buy a machine without a service contract – usually about 8 per cent of list price.

The future? Most talk is about the embryonic PC fax card, which fits into an IBM PC, or compatible, and allows documents to be transmitted to a similarly equipped machine or to another fax.

For the moment the cost is high, at around £1,000, and the unit cannot cope with *graphics, but judging by* the number of fax cards under development it will not be long before fax joins the long list of PC applications available.

***Electronic mail users are set* to get fax services too. In an attempt to close the gap between Email and fax Telecom Gold has announced a gateway linking both services.**

The password to computer security

Technology is outpacing the bounds of human nature in the computer storage arena. Desktop microcomputers now have the kind of power and storage facilities you would have only found on mid-size minicomputers or even small mainframes only a few years ago, *writes Geoff Wheelwright.*

While these machines may arguably have the power of mainframes or minis, the different kinds of security and maintenance technologies that have been developed to curb natural human curiousity – and corporate espionage – are still in their infancy.

Worse, companies that *do* have the technology for security within personal computer-based mass storage systems – commonly through networks of connected personal computers – have not yet engendered the kind of awareness of security issues that is required for those systems to work.

The most simple security system is the single password, which at minimum is a four-character code comprising letters and numbers.

This is unfortunately not as secure as it looks; most people tend to use their initials, birthdate, spouse's name, or some other relatively simple-to-unravel password.

And with the kind of relaxed approach to networking attendant to the installation of PC systems, people do not realize the mistake they are making in using such as simple password.

Ideally, a password-based security system should require that you used a mixture of upper and lower case letters and that they are arranged in a combination that makes no sense at all, and certainly has no connection with the person whose password it is.

Simply allowing upper and lower case letters in the password, for example, means that you automatically double the number of possible letters in a password combination.

Increasing the length of the password to a maximum of 10 characters provides an even more secure system.

The other *major* security option for personal computers is a hardware-based key combined with a encryption system. The idea is that you install a piece of add-on electronics inside the computer which has an external socket into which users have to fit a key.

But this is not always favoured by users because it means that each personal computer is out of bounds except to the key owner. And what often happens is that people end up leaving their keys attached to the computer and eliminate any security.

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The nightmare of choosing a new computer

Choosing a personal computer seems like an increasingly fraught process. Until last year, many machines were much of a muchness and all you had to worry about was the price. Then IBM muddied the waters with a new family, the PS/2, which had a different internal structure called Micro Channel Architecture, *writes Jane Lawrence.*

And IBM compatible suppliers muddied it further when, in September, they announced their own offering – Extending Industry Standard Architecture (EISA).

Now many businesses are wondering whether to opt for the traditional PC, an MCA machine, or wait and see whether EISA is for them. Or should some of them forget the IBM compatible world altogether, and instead take a look at the increasingly popular Apple Macintosh?

It all sounds like a technology nightmare. But reaching a decision is not as tricky as it might seem.

For a start, MCA and EISA are primarily marketing issues, says Martin Hingley of the research firm IDC. The first products using EISA are unlikely to arrive until midway into next year at the earliest. And as yet MCA has far from swept the board in PC sales, primarily because the new architecture cannot use the same extras as the original PC – for example, old add-in boards will not fit.

IDC predicts that MCA-based products will make up only 40 per cent of IBM's total PC sales by the end of 1988, though another research firm, Romtek, puts MCA's success at 52 per cent for the first half of this year.

IBM seems worried by the slow take-up. It has announced a new PS/2 – the Model 30 286 – which, like the Model 30 launched last year, uses the old PC architecture.

Users should beware of worrying too much about the future, says Mr Hingley. He cautions: "Don't buy a machine that doesn't offer you something today".

IBM, not surprisingly, defends MCA as a necessary step forward in technology – after all the original PC was launched a long while ago, in computing terms, and needed to be updated.

But in taking the opportunity to revamp the machine IBM also wanted to claw back the customer base it had lost to its compatible rivals. In changing the design it injected much of its own expertise – but this time threatened legal action if anyone copied the IBM technology.

It is this strong proprietary stance which has alienated the likes of Compaq, and sent many compatible makers down the EISA track. In the UK, only Apricot has MCA.

The issue is a circular one. Compaq and friends can afford to go their separate way as long as MCA is not an overwhelming success – indeed, the fact that they have done so makes success less likely.

Compatible maker Tandon supports the EISA initiative but also sticks by the original PC design. James Minotto, its UK managing director, says the number of traditional PCs installed – about 10 million – means users need not worry too much about new architectures. The implication is that, with such a large customer base, there will always be support for the older models.

Those who have already bought IBM's MCA machines tend to be large companies who want to link PCs to mainframes – and get ready for the OS/2 operating system. This system, unlike the PC's DOS, allows several tasks to run concurrently. MCA, says IBM, is ideal for such multitasking. It also allows machines to run faster and keeps data intact.

As for those who believe their computing needs are such that MCA is unnecessary, an IBM spokesman suggests they are a little short-sighted. "A business starts using a package on a PC which is normally very simple. But they will find there are many more things they can do as the business grows."

Alan Soloman, head of the IBM PC User Group, says the main reason for many customers buying IBM's machines is not advanced technology but reliability.

With an estimated total of 10 million traditional PCs installed, users need not worry too much about future dealer support or newer architecture

He nevertheless tries to avoid recommending a particular piece of hardware, instead advising those buying PCs to find themselves a dealer who will provide good support. The whole point about PCs is that they are essentially alike, he says.

Customers should find a dealer who has been personally recommended and who is local. They should set aside a budget for training and search for the right course – for example, some local authorities offer classes at much less than commercial firms.

Marek Vaygelt of Romtek agrees that some small, specialist dealers will "look after you forever", but warns: "You only get what you pay for."

In practical terms, it seems most customers buying PCs in the next year or so will stick with the traditional PC architecture, though some may plump for Apple's Macintosh.

Mr Hingley says that Macintosh sales in Europe should reach 200,000 this year, from 140,000 in 1987. The machine is weak on networking, he says. But, for some jobs, its an ideal tool, and it's certainly easy to learn for first-timers.

Most of all, though, he says the "real problems" of PC buying are mundane. Questions like "Can you make it work?" or "Is the fan too noisy?" become more of an issue than architectures.

And whatever you buy should fit the task. "Those wanting word processing can buy an Amstrad, whereas a massive database requires a fast 386-based PC."

How to be your own publisher

By Kevan Pearson

Desktop publishing (DTP) is one of the latest personal computer applications to achieve success in business. But it is still a relatively specialized application. The key to whether a company needs its own desk top publishing system is the number and size of the documents it produces that are usually typeset.

The makers of DTP software claim their packages can be used for everything from newsletters and brochures to magazines and books.

If the user needs only one or two documents a quarter an in-house DTP system is not worth the time, effort and expense it will take to set up and learn to use it. A better option would be to use one of the many DTP bureaux.

Another possibility is to use a PC with software such as Microsoft Word or Lotus Manuscript which these days come pretty close to offering DTP quality.

If, however, the documents needed number more than one or two a month, an in-house DTP should be considered. It cuts out some of the unnecessary stages such as having a typesetter re-enter something you have already produced using a word processor. It also gives greater control over the final product.

In addition to being trained on the packages, a DTP operator will usually need some design guidance, otherwise all DTP will do is allow badly designed documents to be produced more quickly.

If there is a serious need for DTP, there are several alternatives to consider: it is possible to buy complete DTP systems off the shelf at prices ranging from £5,000 to over £10,000. This applies whether the system is to be Apple-based or IBM compatible. But it could be cheaper for some companies to buy in the individual components separately, especially as they may already have some components.

In an IBM PC compatible world a typical DTP system will comprise a powerful 286-based PC with a hard disc, a high resolution graphics monitor and a laser printer. Serious DTP users would benefit from a large monitor which allows a full A4 page to be seen on screen. There are also some A3 size monitors that allow two full A4 pages to be viewed. This type of screen will add between £1,500 and £2,000 to the cost of the system. A scanner for entering art work may also be needed; these cost anything from about £1,000 up.

The two main packages for the IBM are Ventura Publisher from Xerox and PageMaker from Aldus.

Ventura will run on slower 8088 and 8086-based PCs such as the IBM PC/XT or the Amstrad 1640, but performance will suffer. A 286-based machine is a much better bet.

PageMaker is available only for the more powerful PCs.

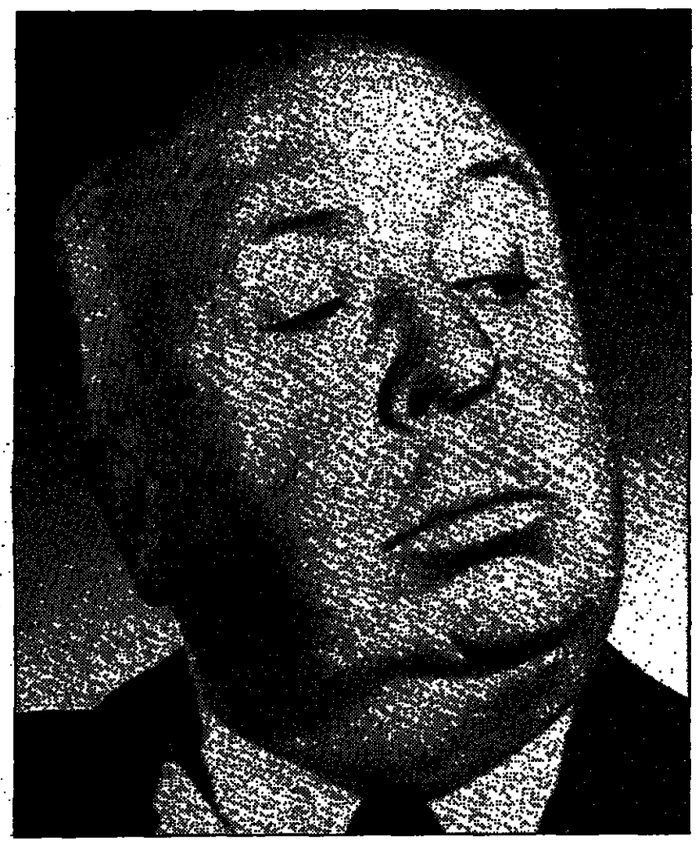
In the Apple world, one of the newer Macintosh machines is required, with a hard disc, a high resolution, large scale monitor and a laser printer. There are also two main packages for Apple – a Macintosh version of the Aldus PageMaker, and Quark Xpress.

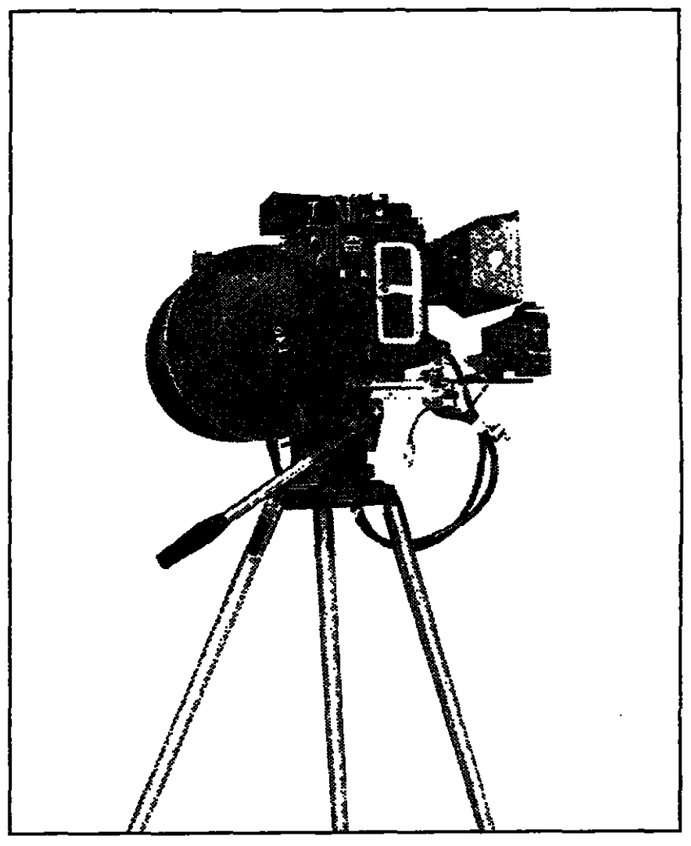
The cost of the software in all cases is around £500.

Ventura comes on 13 standard PC diskettes and PageMaker, if it was available in this format, would require around 20 diskettes.

Having decided on a system, the next thing to think about is training. All of the packages mentioned are complex and difficult to grasp without expert help. The skills required are very different to using even the most complex of word processing packages.

Most courses seem to last around two days and cost between £200 and £300. That should be enough to get anyone up and running. After that the manuals should be able to cope.





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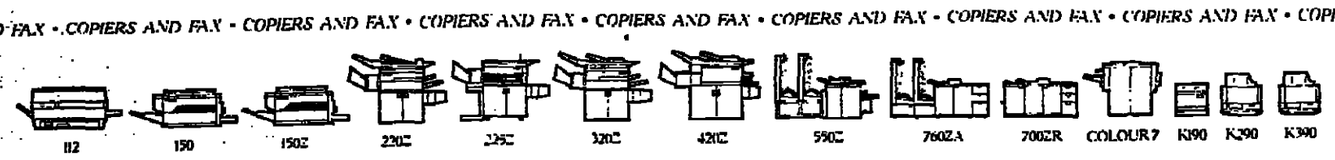
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Design for office living

What mysteries lie behind the designing of an efficient office to cope with high technology?

A designer explains the problems of matching the need for hardware with staff environment

If one is to believe the glossy magazines and the lifestyle sections of our Sunday newspapers, the information technology revolution has transformed not just office methods but office design. It has, but not in the way that the creators of that lifestyle world suggest. Today's offices look more modern but the underlying change is the way in which building designers have to work to give us what we see, *writes Malcolm Brown.*

The designer used to have to think only about the aesthetics and ergonomics of an office. They were creative artists — and still are — but today they need many other skills.

In the past, the design job was to make sure that the lines of the office were pleasing to the eye, that colours complemented one another, that fabrics did not clash. Now designers must understand technology as well.

This is not because they have to advise clients on high-technology hardware, but because information technology itself puts enormous constraints on design.

Take a simple example. If you try to record a conversation from a telephone placed anywhere near a computer, the recording could be wrecked by electronic interference.

Today's office designers need to know about complicated subjects, such as cabling and electrical engineering, in a way they never did before.

The office designs may not look very different to the untrained eye, but the mechanics of putting it together will have been much more complicated because of the behind-the-scenes people who have had to be taken into account. If they are not, the office may look terrific but work inefficiently

New technology does not just complicate the life of the designer, says Mrs Stacey Litwin-Davies, head of office design at the Fitch & Company design consultancy, it can leave clients confused.

All too often, companies rush into buying inappropriate technology. Just because something is the most expensive or the most advanced, it does not mean it is the right thing for a particular company. Some often buy impressive high-technology equipment, then leave it unused or under-utilized.

For example, says Mrs Litwin-Davies, a company may install the latest telecommunications equipment which allows executives to do everything, including tele-conferencing, but traditional patterns reassert themselves and soon, instead of using the equipment, they are doing what they always did, strolling down the corridor into one another's offices for face-to-face communication.

Technology changes fast, people do not. "Technology might dramatically change, but people won't use it to its fullest capacity."

Maybe, she says, people are too fascinated by new technology. "I think that if they were to hold back and think about it a bit more, they might realize they don't need to spend nearly so much on it and they'll function quite well."

Another problem with dramatic change is that clients can easily misunderstand the scale of the consequent human adaption that may be necessary. Board decisions on things like new technology have to be implemented from top to bottom, not just in the executive suite.

Do companies pay enough attention to their employees' ideas about the offices they work in? Input from the workers is vital, but companies do not always realize that.

Some companies have a very humanistic approach, says Mrs Litwin-Davies. "But another corporation, in a very similar business, may have a totally different mentality towards the people who work for it and won't consider their input at all."

Experts think all that may change soon under the sheer pressure of demographics and other factors. Designers like Mrs Litwin-Davies believe that companies, especially the multinationals, will have to compete much more for high-grade staff.

Bright graduates and high-flyers are going to find themselves in a buyers' market and they will make large demands on prospective employers. Among their demands, Mrs Litwin-Davies believes, will be much better working environments. So there will be pressure from the ground up for better office design.

"Designing offices isn't necessarily about aesthetics," she says. "It's about levels of stress, comfort levels in general and the way people feel in it." She concedes that too much office design is tedious and boring and bad.

People have very little notion of what quality is in office design: "As a result, they don't expect it and they don't really ask for it."

So what is a well-designed office? It is a place, says Mrs Litwin-Davies, where people are comfortable and work well. "They're not put under duress or stress." It also ought to be an inspiring environment.

"If it's supposed to be a place of leisure, it makes them feel relaxed. If it's a place of work, it inspires them to work well."

A well-designed office should also establish its own right to be there. "In other words, you don't want to tear it down in five years."

What will offices look like in five or 10 years? Mrs Litwin-Davies believes the biggest change would come about if, somehow, engineers were able to devise a means of getting rid of wiring. If they did, offices might look a lot less regimented. At present, there is a fairly fixed pattern in the way that wires thread their way through floors and ceilings then emerge into the office. Without the need for wires there would be much less constraint on office layout, she says.



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Taking the mystery out of software

With personal computers looking increasingly alike, businesses should perhaps spend more time finding out what software can do and whether it is right for the job, *writes Geoff Wheatwright.*

The tendency, encouraged by sales people in the computer industry, is still to talk in terms of technical specifications instead of using plain language.

Any business executive should start by considering the job that needs to be done — quite apart from the technology required to do it.

If a better method of preparing documents is needed in the office, the first stage is to look at word-processing systems.

There are two main choices: the dedicated word processor, which is a combination of hardware and software devoted to document preparation, or word processing software which can be used on standard personal computers.

The choice often depends on what the documents are. If they are standard business letters or the occasional internal memo, then perhaps a dedicated word processor would fit the bill because it provides a direct solution to a specific problem.



After several sluggish years, the market for laptop business computers is expected to take off as they begin to include all the features of the desktop computers. The first laptop from Compaq, above, will cost around £3,500 and promises a longer battery life and better display than rivals

However, dedicated word processors can often be more difficult to use than word processing software on personal computers.

Manufacturers of these single-task computers aim to provide the maximum number of features and they are often jammed into the machine in such a way that customers must learn a large number of complex commands to use the features.

The general-purpose software for use on personal computers — whether it is for accountancy or word processing — tends to be a great deal more flexible.

Dedication becomes less of a problem

What you lose, however, is the kind of specific and accessible features found in dedicated systems or in customized software.

This is now becoming less of a problem on many spreadsheets, databases and word processors because manufacturers are increasingly providing methods of customizing the software for a specific profession, or will supply predefined, customized applications to accomplish a specific job.

The latest database software, for example, may include a facility to adapt it for use as a single-purpose accounting program or to handle the records in a company's personnel department.

Further adaption may be needed if the system is to become worthwhile, but that is often a blessing because even the most well-written profession-specific applications sometimes leave out one or two features which can make life a great deal easier.

For the uninitiated, sorting through these issues can be a complex and harrowing task. This is complicated by the barrage of advertising from consultants who offer advice at a high price. The alternative is trekking around the computer dealers trying to find out what various software will do.

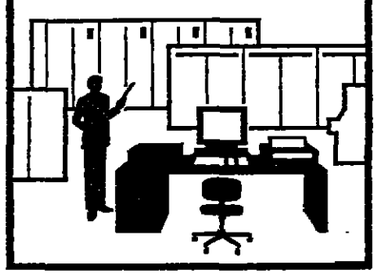
There are professional organizations which have their own committees on new technology implementation, and if your business belongs to, or is affiliated with, such an organization, that can be a good place to begin.

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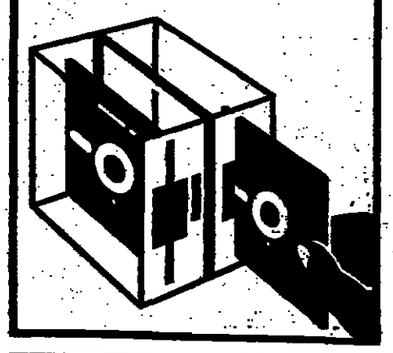
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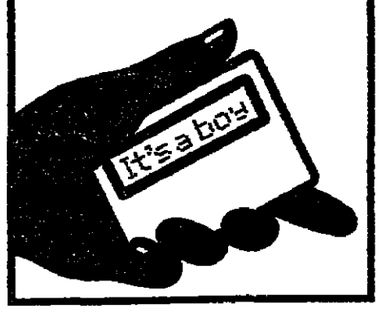
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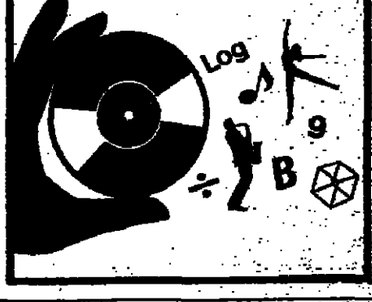
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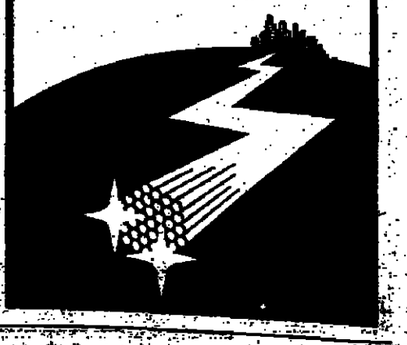
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Ringing up the cost of the ideal phone system

Most businesses rely more on their telephone system than any other company resource, bar people. More calls are being made and, with other services such as facsimile transmission and electronic mail using phone lines, the overall phone costs are increasing.

The increased competition between British Telecom and Mercury means there is a growing tendency for users to look at new ways of saving money by choosing between the two.

Is Mercury cheaper? The simple answer is yes. Mercury offers cheaper phone charges than BT for trunk and international calls — on average 15 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

For those with a direct connection into the Mercury network, local calls can be up to 32 per cent cheaper.

By Ken Young

But such savings must be offset against the cost of connection to the Mercury service and a comparison of both suppliers' customer service, maintenance, speed of installation, and quality of service.

For the small business or residential user, connection to the Mercury service is via the 2300 service. It costs £60 for a Mercury phone and £8.62 per year for an authorization code to use the network.

A cheaper, £35, phone is now available at the chain-stores Rumbelows and Dixons is to offer a similiar phone soon.

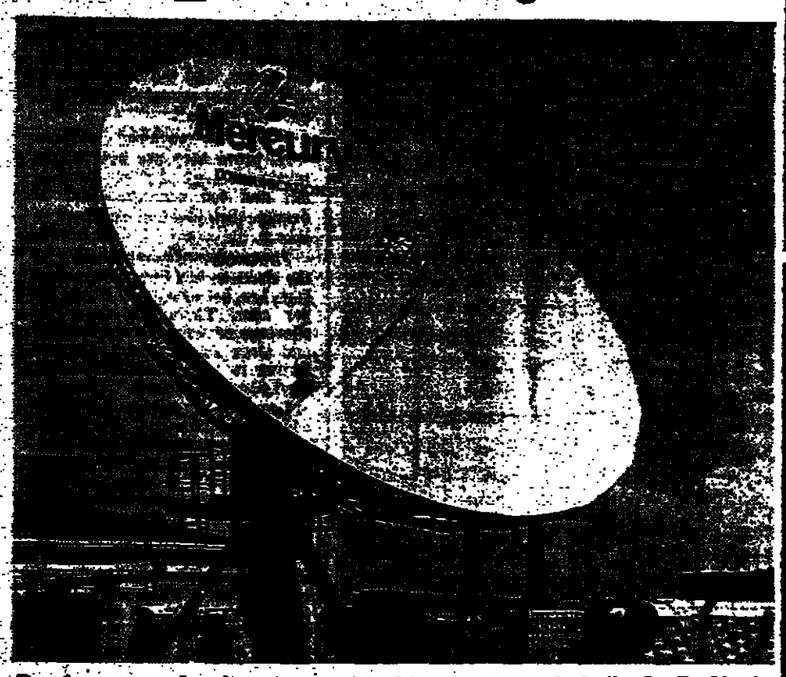
The phone plugs into ordinary telephone sockets and calls are made through the Mercury network by pressing the M button on the phone. It is worth noting that, because the connection is made through BT, local calls cannot be made via Mecury.

A company pabx can also be connected to Mercury, so trunk or international calls go via a Mercury line on what it calls the 2200 service. A "smartbox" is installed between the pabx and the BT lines which can be programmed to divert calls to Mercury, according to a destination code.

Mercury caters for larger users with its 2100 circuit switched service for customers needing at least 10 lines. It connects the pabx directly into the Mercury network via fibre optic or microwave links.

Barring leading firms in the City of London, relatively few companies have taken up the service because of the high cost of the fibre or microwave link at a range of up to 30 miles.

But if the building you occupy already has a fibre network installed — and this is a growing trend — it can cost as little as £889 for a 10-line installation or £3,000 for 30 lines. Further lines cost £96 to £115 per line. Annual charges consist of a cost access line charge of £1,250 and a service access charge of £25 per line.



Beaming messages by microwave: one of the Mercury antennae in the London Docklands

The key factor to note is that the cost of each customer's installation can vary, depending on the distance to the nearest network node.

In a recent survey of 35 companies simultaneously using Mercury and BT services, conducted by Octagon Telecommunications, more than half of those interviewed estimated making savings of between 11 and 20 per cent. More than 80 per cent said their prime objective in ordering Mercury lines had been to achieve cost savings.

> Mercury is cheaper than British Telecom, but you have to decide about the problems that arise when you operate on two services

Dr John Hunter, general manager of Octagon, says he is convinced that savings can be made, but he offers warnings too. "There is no doubt that Mercury is cheaper, but you have to decide about the problems of operating on two services."

He also feels it will be a while before Mercury courts the small to medium-sized businesses.

"Mercury wants the large customers and for users there is also the problem that microwave needs local authority approval."

A spokesman for Mercury said the company had 650 customers in the City and the West End mainly connected by fibre, and a total of 1,200 business telephone customers and 9,000 domestic users. The Mercury network now spans 75 large towns and cities.

But what about the quality of service?

Mercury is keen to stress that its network is digital and that it uses the most modern fibre-optic cabling. This means that call quality between Mercury subscribers is higher than over normal (analogue) lines. But, in practice, outside of the City of London most calls will use BT's analogue exchanges at some point, making any advantage negligible.

However, most phone users are more concerned about time taken to connect than line quality. Because extra digits are required to route calls through Mercury they usually take noticeably longer to connect.

When a call is made to a destination not covered by the Mercury network it is switched via BT circuits for the final part of the call and there can be delays of 20 seconds.

Mercury has gained some popularity by offering itemized billing to subscribers — something that BT now says it will provide soon. But it is worth noting that two respondents in the Octagon survey said Mercury's itemized billing was too comprehensive, and required further analysis to be useful.

Mercury says it intends to reduce the volume of printouts in response to such comments.

Installation of lines and equipment has become a hot issue. In an effort to force British Telecom to maintain high standards, Dr Bryan Carsberg, director-general of the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), will shortly announce a compensation scheme for users affected by late installation of private lines.

If BT agrees to the guidelines, it will follow Mercury's lead in introducing a self-imposed scheme for its services. BT's compensation scheme for public lines comes into effect in April.

Naturally, there are regional variations in service provision. In the City, Mercury claims to have the edge — offering leased circuits within 50 days, compared to BT's 90 days.

It is reasonably easy to calculate phone costs for the next year or so but, beyond 1989, BT and Mercury's pricing strategy could change. Until 1989, BT's pricing is constrained by a regulation stating that a basket of BT's prices must decline by three per cent below the retail price index.

Although prices are not expected to change significantly, pressure could be applied by additional operators licensed to provide competing services.

So far, the typical company using Mercury has been large, blue chip and willing to experiment. As connection to the Mercury network becomes easier, more users are likely to be tempted by the savings that can be made.

Tapping a world of information

The personal computer may be designed for use on a desktop, but its potential goes well beyond that. If you buy specialist software and a computer modem — which allows computers to encode information so that it can be sent or received over the telephone line to and from another computer — you can subscribe to powerful electronic information services, *writes Geoff Wheelwright.*

These, including BT's Telecom Gold, allow customers to do a variety of things such as sending instant messages and business letters, booking holidays and theatre tickets, and conducting investigations on companies. According to Telecom Gold, such an on-line database is like a large directory or encyclopedia on a particular subject.

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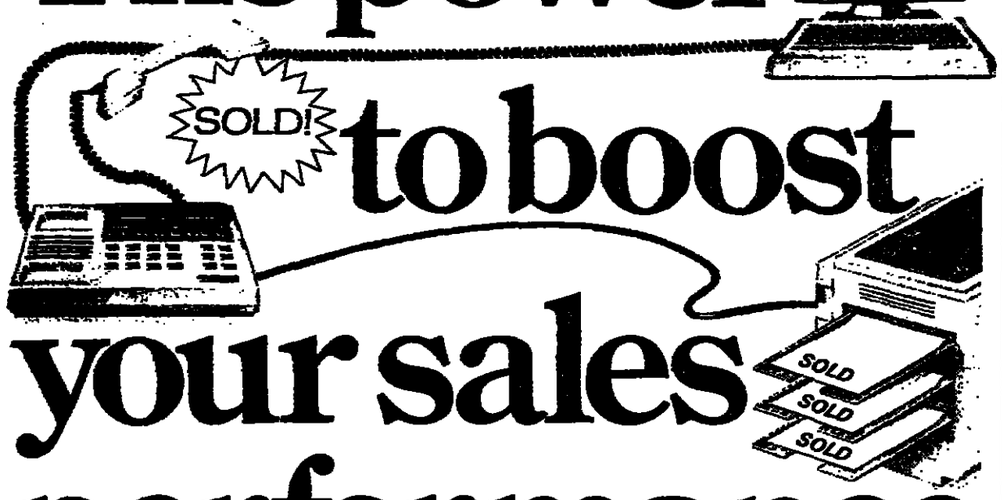
Telecom Gold links into a number of databases including the Official Airlines Guide with schedules, fares and hotel information, and Profile, an information system which gives the full text of back issues of several newspapers including the *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* as well as other publications, and business information.

The company also claims that using these services and their fast electronic searching facilities, you can get the information you need in seconds without the need to subscribe to each of these services individually. Be warned, however, that few of the services come cheap. Using Profile on Telecom Gold, for example, costs *£1.40 a minute* in addition to the normal charges for Telecom Gold which can average 30p a minute by the time the storage and other charges are included.

In fact, Telecom Gold has recently admitted that it is not the easiest system in the world to use and is selling a series of training software. This is designed to emulate Telecom Gold sessions without users having to spend money signing on to the system while they are training.

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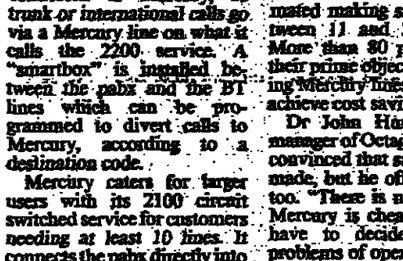
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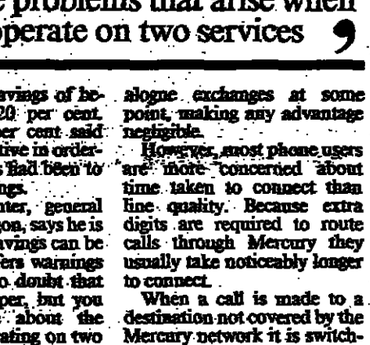
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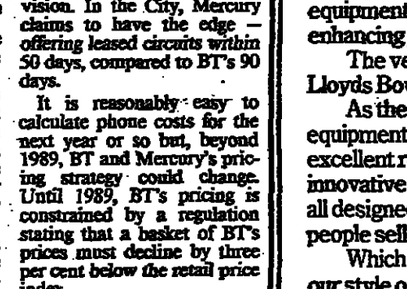
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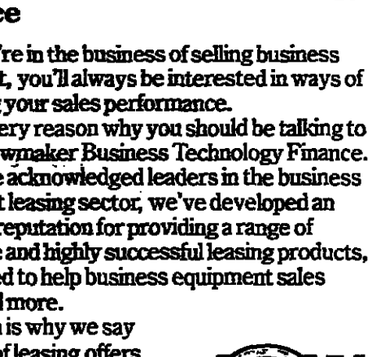
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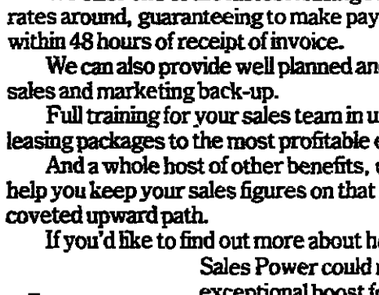
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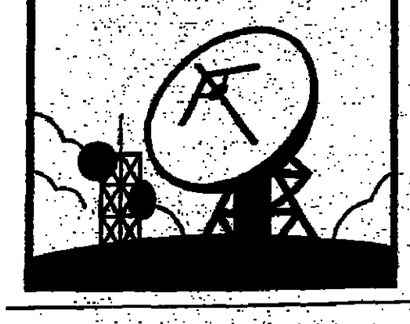
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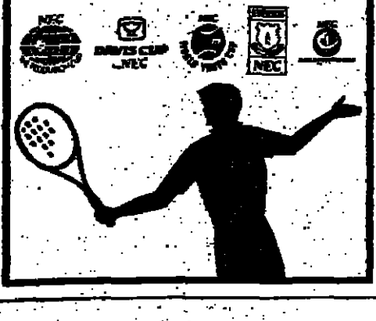
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EDUCATION

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The teacher who lost his status

How the classroom crisis drove out a valuable man, by Douglas Broom

Bill Meredith is the kind of person who gives education ministers nightmares. A highly successful teacher with 14 years' experience, he has handed in his chalk to begin a new career in computing. Mr Meredith has a degree in French from Liverpool University and a proven track record as a modern languages teacher. He is exactly the kind of person the Government needs to retain in the classroom if it is to have any chance of implementing its plans for a national curriculum.

Already fears are growing that there will not be enough teachers to ensure the delivery of the new curriculum, especially in modern languages, which will become compulsory for all pupils up to the age of 16.

Figures published last week by the Labour Party showed that 55 per cent of education authorities in Britain had unfilled vacancies for modern languages teachers.

In some areas teachers of French and German are so scarce that authorities are offering applicants incentive allowances to coax them into their schools.

So why is Mr Meredith leaving the profession at the very time it would appear his skills are at their most marketable?

Before the summer holidays he was a £16,500-a-year head of modern languages at Abbotsfield School in Hillingdon, west London. Today he is a director of *Microscript Systems*, a locally based software firm.

Like many who have made the break with the career they chose while still at school, he has complex reasons. Chief among them are the reduced status of teachers and what he says is the "loss of professionalism" caused by recent government legislation.

New teachers' conditions of service, introduced last year by the Government, spelled out in detail the duties of a teacher and for the first time laid down hours of work.

"As a teacher I was always prepared to put in as much work as was necessary, even if it meant working late," he said. "But I was not looking forward to the situation when my time would be directed. I felt that as a professional I should have a reasonable degree of self-determination."

He finds one of the biggest benefits of being outside the classroom is the freedom to plan his own day. "The best thing is getting away from the school bell going every 35 minutes," he said.

"As a head of house I would find myself needing to spend, say, an hour with a child who really desperately needed me while at the same time having a class of 30 kids waiting. Sometimes the class just had to wait."

The pressures of the job led to stress and Mr Meredith developed high blood pressure, although still only in his late thirties.

"Since I left my blood pressure has gone back to normal," he said. "It wasn't just the pressures of the job. It was the stress that was caused by having to bend one's work to fit in with the structure of the school day."

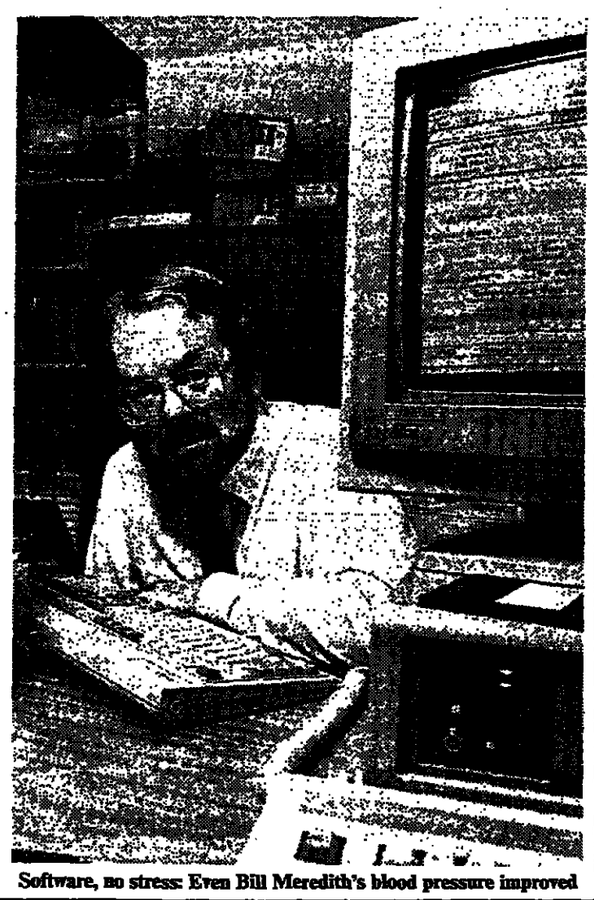
Despite the pressures, Mr Meredith was still seeking promotion as recently as this spring, applying for jobs as a deputy headmaster.

Then something happened. "I met a bloke at a party and he offered me a job," he said. "I had to stop and think quickly about my future, whether I wanted all the stress of being a deputy head, which is one of the toughest jobs in a school. I decided I didn't and two weeks before the end of term in July I handed in my notice."

Mr Meredith said he did not expect to miss the long holidays. "I used to get bored in the holidays and spent most of my time working," he said.

Now he travels all over the country setting up software systems and training staff. And he sees little prospect of returning to the classroom. "I suppose that if the company went down tomorrow I could get work as a supply teacher," he said. "But if something happened to my present company I would be looking for another similar job rather than going back to teaching."

But he has not deserted education altogether. This term he joined the governing body of nearby Bishopshalt School as a nominee of the Democrats.



Software, no stress: Even Bill Meredith's blood pressure improved

The parents who must keep power

Parent power is alive and well in schools across England and Wales and is just beginning to flex its muscles. Now it must not be stifled by the local authorities whose placemen once packed the governing bodies, and the headteachers who find they cannot do it all their own way after all.

Newly enfranchised parents must prove they are not merely tokens of imagined power, compliant and too concerned not to damage their children's chances to take on the councils and the heads.

The number of parents voting in the elections has been disappointingly low, between about 10 and 30 per cent. There has been no shortage of volunteers, however, and more schools than ever are having to hold secret ballots to elect parent governors.

Greybeards, mostly from the education authorities, are saying the new governing bodies will have extra responsibilities, not power. The real power, they say, will still lie with the councils that set the budget for every school, and with the headteachers — many of whom originally said they resented the idea that they should be managers rather than educational professionals, making all the crucial day-to-day decisions.

That may yet prove to be true, but it will be made less likely if parent governors pass the first test of their power. The 1986 Education Reform Act has reduced the number of local authority appointees and increased the number of parents and teachers on school boards, and it lays down that these governors co-opt representatives of local industry and community.

Thus parents will have a real say in the selection of co-opted governors. The choices must not be made lightly. The decisions will set the tone and balance of the boards of governors for the next four years, when crucial decisions on the curriculum, the hiring and firing of staff, and school discipline will be made.

Headteachers and appointed governors, who may believe that because of their past experience and professional skill they know best, may try to force their nominees on the new governors. There have been many instances, before the elections, of parents being told by heads not to worry whether they were elected or not, that a place would be found for them as co-opted members; of local authority governors who had lost their places giving similar assurances.

They had no right to make such promises. It is up to the newly elected parent governors to make their own decisions, to insist that nobody is appointed who is not known to them and, if necessary, hold informal interviews.

The new governing bodies should have real power, not just added responsibility. Parents must grasp the power they do have, fight to keep it and use it responsibly.

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YACHTING: SIX EARN DISTINCTIONS AS BRITAIN'S BEST YOUNG SAILORS TAKE THEIR FINAL EXAMINATION ON THE SOLENT

Crop of new talent reaches harvest

THE TIMES James Capel CREWSEARCH

By Barry Pickthall

Offers from as far afield as Japan were arriving yesterday for Britain's new navy of offshore sailors. They came at the conclusion of Crewsearch, the nationwide scheme launched last year by the Royal Yachting Association to introduce young talent to the highest echelons of the sport.

Crewsearch, which was sponsored jointly by *The Times* and James Capel, the global investment house, attracted more than 1,500 applicants. From qualifying events throughout Britain, they were pruned to 11 crews of six for the two days of final tests at Hamble at the weekend. They competed as individuals for six £1,000 travel bursaries to help them pursue ocean-racing ambitions.

The winners did not wait long for the call to arms. Nigel Biggs, aged 21, from Plymouth, who was judged the best tactician, flew to Ireland yesterday for the chance to race aboard Chris Dunning's former Admiral's Cup yacht, Marionette. Philip Rumbelow, his crewmate from the South-West, made a dash back to Torquay to take the job of bowman aboard the leading local half-tonner, Chia-Chia.

Adrian Stead, a student of naval architecture at Southampton University, had less far to travel. Stead, a former 470 national champion, made such an impression on Derek Clark and Graham Bailey, two of the leading helmsmen at the Crewsearch finals, that he was asked to take charge of the mainsheet aboard Barry Polly's one-ton cup yacht, Blue Diamond, in the Solent yesterday.

Tim Law, the Sigma 33 national champion, was so impressed by his crew, who were promoted from within the various one-design classes, that he said he would happily race with them aboard his own boat next season.

The team of selectors, led by Jonathan Bradbeer, the Royal Ocean Racing Club Commodore, were just as happy with Law's views; they included two of his crew among the bursary-winners. Bruce Grant, a four-time International 14 champion crewman, was judged to be the best trimmer, while Lincoln Redding, from Havant, was assessed as the best in the cockpit.

There was also a strong contest at the mast, but in the end it was Vincent Geake, aged 26, a university graduate from Cambridge, who gained the nod ahead of two other Crewsearch dicoveries, George Skuodas and Simon McClean.

Four women who reached the Crewsearch finals were selected to represent Britain in the McNamara Bowl women's J24 International championship at Lymington next year. Sarah-Louise Hay was best at the bow, and she will join Karen Squire (cockpit), Sarah Davies (trimmer) and Christine Brookes (mainsheet) in this opportunity to win an entry to the women's world keelboat championship.

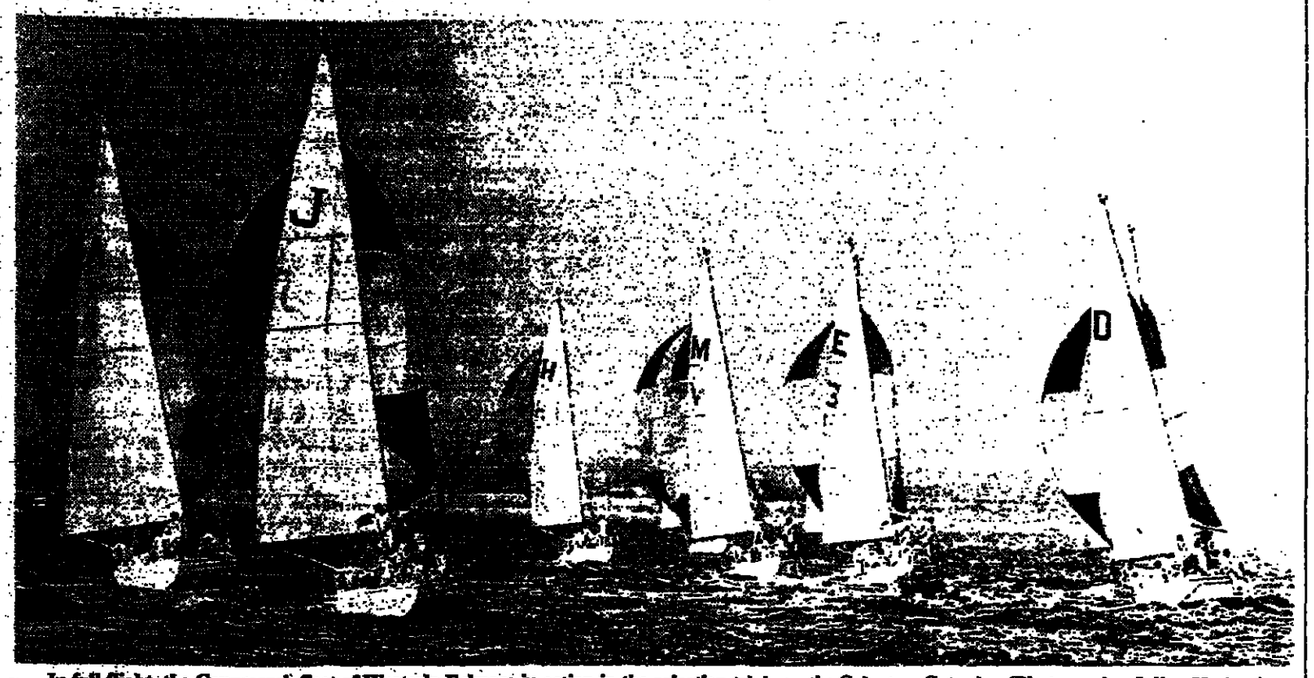
Bill Edgerton, the national keelboat coach, said: "The standard of boat-handling was as good as anything seen at the Admiral's Cup, and I will have no trouble introducing all 66 finalists to the top levels of the sport."

As some of the Crewsearch finalists took up the offer of a trial with Peter de Savary's Blue Arrow America's Cup group yesterday, Edgerton began finalizing plans to integrate the group in trials for the 1989 Admiral's Cup aboard Graham Walker's Kenwood Cup yacht, Indulgence.

Stephen Fein offered to test finalists over the winter months aboard his multihull, Full Pelt, which is lying second in the Formula 40 grand prix circuit.

Edgerton also proposes to enter two teams including Crewsearch finalists to represent Britain in the Tour de France à la Voile race next year. Another opportunity came from the Japanese television station, *Hokkaido*, which has offered to provide travel and shipping costs for two Crewsearch crews and their yachts to compete in the Japan Sea international series next August.

Crewsearch has served its first purpose in providing a conduit towards the top for young sailors. Now the winners — and the many others who impressed the selectors — have the chance to claim further success.



In full flight: the Crewsearch fleet of Westerly Fulmars in action in the selection trials on the Solent on Saturday (Photographs: Julian Herbert)

THE WINNERS

Bow: Philip Rumbelow (Torquay).
Mast: Vincent Geake (Cambridge).
Cockpit: Lincoln Redding (Havant, Hants).
Trimmer: Bruce Grant (London).
Mainsheet: Adrian Stead (Southampton).
Tactician: Nigel Biggs (Plymouth).
Top women: Sara-Louise Hay (Bushey Heath, Herts); Karen Squire (Bristol); Sarah Davies (Army); Christine Brookes (Maldon, Essex).



Winning team: Mike McIntyre (front row, centre), Britain's Olympic gold medal yachtsman, with the Crewsearch winners. Back (left to right): Lincoln Redding, Bruce Grant, Philip Rumbelow, Adrian Stead. Front: Nigel Biggs, Vincent Geake

TENNIS

Costly trappings which dilute Becker's earnings

From Richard Evans, Tokyo

Boris Becker, searching for a first service that touched speeds of 145 m.p.h. when it found its mark, played just well enough to defeat a determined John Fitzgerald 7-6, 6-4 in the final of the Seiko Classic here.

It was Becker's fifth grand *prix title of the year and proved* that he had fully recovered from the foot problems that affected him at the US Open. Becker earned £57,000 for his victory, twice as much as Fitzgerald, which may seem a big difference at first glance. But the price of being a superstar, with all the trappings it entails, is huge.

Becker was here with his full-time coach, Bob Brett, to whom he pays a large salary and travelling expenses, and also had Ion Tiriac's British assistant, Stuart Wilson, attending to his off-court needs. That alone made a major dent in his prize.

Fitzgerald, in contrast, had no *one to worry about but himself.* He left his wife and baby daughter behind in Sydney and never travels with a coach anyway. His cash will go a great deal further than Becker's.

For Fitzgerald, last week had a great deal more to offer than a cheque. He, too, had been worried by injury in recent weeks, having torn a calf muscle at the Canadian Open in August. In beating a weary and distracted Stefan Edberg 7-6, 6-0 on Saturday, the popular Australian played as well as he had done since reaching the final of the US Professional Indoor championship in Philadelphia last February.

In a rather literal sense they turned the lights out on Edberg. A bank of main beams failed when the Swede was serving at 5-6 in the first set and when play resumed, 40 minutes later, Fitzgerald roared through the tie-break 7-2 and went on hitting winners during a superb display in the second set.

Tony Pickard was not with Edberg, which might have saved the Wimbledon champion a little money but cost him a great deal more in the extra level of fighting spirit that Pickard seems able to generate.

RESULTS: Singles: Semi-finals: B Becker (WG) bt R Matuszewski (US), 7-6, 6-1; J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-6, 6-0. Final: Becker bt Fitzgerald, 7-6, 6-4. Doubles: Final: A Gómez (Ec) and S Zivojinovic (Yugo) bt Becker and E Jelen (WG), 7-5, 5-7, 6-3.

Graf's task

Steffi Graf and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, who won the world team championship (Federation Cup) for West Germany in Vancouver 14 months ago, have been drawn to contest a semi-final of the Midland Group championships, to be played at the Brighton Centre from tomorrow until Sunday. Pam Shriver is expected to play Manuela Maleeva in the other semi-final.

SURFING

Total victory to Hargraves and Newquay

Spencer Hargraves, a modest lightly built 15-year-old, won an unprecedented double victory in Saturday's grand finals of the Mambo British national championships when he took both the open and junior titles at Thurso (a Special Correspondent writes).

Exhibiting a wide repertoire of manoeuvres on all sizes of surfs, Hargraves, from Newquay, justified his claim to being *the undisputed champion.*

In the tight four-man open final, only adroitness of wave-selection and ability to make the most out of the least, differentiated Hargraves and Jon Owen.

In the junior final, Hargrave's supreme command of floaters and re-entries gave him an edge over Matt Stephens. Eden Berberry, another Newquay product, was in a class of her own among the women while Newquay completed its clean sweep of the major titles with Russell Winter, aged 12, in the cadets.

BOWLS

Cyphers get no further than Tilbury

*Tilbury sprang one of the sur*prises of the second round of the Anglia Secure Homes indoor club championship when they beat Cyphers 83-78 on Saturday (Gordon Allan writes). Cyphers have won this competition twice in the past 12 years and reached the semi-finals last season.

Tilbury's win was founded on the success of the rinks playing at home. Graham Pereira, for whom Derek Ross led with *uncanny brilliance, over*whelmed John Bull's four 34-5 and John Watson beat Gary Smith 24-18. Cyphers won on their own green at Beckenham, where their skips were Andy Thomson and Terry Heppell, but Tilbury's boat came home.

Wey Valley beat Cambridge Park, the 1979 champions, 89-76 and Atherley beat Longmeadow, runners-up in 1986, 80-72. Oyster and Gedling carried the banner for the new clubs into the third round, Oyster winning 75-74 over Folkestone.

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Meaning of 'whether in berth or not'

Bulk Transport Group Shipping Co Ltd v Seacrystal Shipping Ltd (The Kyzikos)

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner and Lord Oliver of Aylmerton

[Speeches October 20]

The phrase "whether in berth or not" incorporated into the laytime provisions of a berth charterparty applied only where a berth was not available and did not apply where a berth was available but the ship was unable to reach it because of fog.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the charterers, Bulk Transport Group Shipping Co Ltd, from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Glidewell and Sir John Megaw) (*The Times* May 20, 1987; [1987] 1 WLR 1565) allowing an appeal by the owners, Seacrystal Shipping Ltd, from the judgment of Mr Justice Webster on July 31, 1986, whereby he allowed the charterers' appeal from the award of the arbitrator, Mr Bruce Harris, dated November 26, 1985, in favour of the owners' claim for demurrage.

Mr Anthony Diamond, QC and Mr Bernard Eder for the charterers; Mr Martin Moore-Bick, QC and Mr Charles Priday for the owners.

LORD BRANDON said that the charterers chartered the Kyzikos to carry steel to the US Gulf. She arrived at the discharging port at 06.45 on December 17, 1984, and the master gave notice of readiness to discharge.

Then, and at all material times afterwards, the berth at which the ship was to discharge was available for her use. She was, however, prevented from proceeding to it immediately because of fog which had resulted in the pilot station being closed. Because of that the ship did not arrive in her berth until 14.50 on December 20, 1984.

A dispute arose as to the charterers' liability for demurrage, the essential question being whether time for discharging counted during the period for which the ship was prevented from proceeding to her berth by the fog.

The charterparty, which it was common ground was a berth charterparty, was on the Gencon (Box Layout 1974) printed form, which contained 21 boxes followed by a series of printed clauses. Typed entries were made in the boxes and typed amendments were made to a number of clauses.

The final line of the printed clause 5 was: "Time lost in waiting for berth to count as loading time". That was followed by the typed amendment: "Time to count as per clause 5 Wipon/Wibon/Wifpon/Wccon and master to have the right to tender notice of readiness by cable, both in the loading and discharging port(s)".

The final line of printed clause 6 was: "Time lost in waiting for berth to count as discharging time". The acronyms used in clause 5 had the meanings "whether in port or not", "whether in berth or not", "whether in free pratique or not" and "whether cleared customs or not."

It appeared to have been accepted by both sides that the amendment to clause 5 applied also to clause 6.

In order to answer the question raised, it was necessary to have regard to two considerations: the meaning which had been given to the phrase "whether in berth or not" in the authorities relating to it and the context in which "wibon" was to be found in the charterparty.

So far as the authorities were concerned, they presented two aspects, one positive, the other negative. The positive aspect was that in them the phrase "whether in berth or not," when used in a berth charterparty, had uniformly over a long period been interpreted as relating to the availability or unavailability of a berth.

In other words the phrase had been interpreted as dealing with the problem of congestion in ports, and putting on the charterers, rather than the owners, the risk of delay caused by such congestion.

The negative aspect was that the phrase had been used in berth charterparties at least since 1909. Yet counsel for the owners had been unable to point to any reported case in which it had ever been contended that the phrase covered a case where a berth was available for a ship but she was prevented by bad weather from proceeding to it.

The inference to be drawn was that the phrase "whether in berth or not" had over a very long period been treated as shorthand for "whether in berth (a berth being available) or not in berth (a berth not being available)".

There were two significant features about the context in which the acronym "wibon" was found in the present charterparty. The first was the general procedure followed when making typed amendments to the printed clauses. That was to delete so much of the clause as was modified or replaced by such amendments.

If the introduction of the acronym "wibon" in the typed addition to clauses 5 and 6 had been intended to modify or replace the final line one would have expected it to have been deleted, but it was left in place.

The second feature was the close association in the typed addition of "wibon" with the three other acronyms, "wipon", "wifpon" and "wccon."

Those last three all seemed to be directed at the problem of congestion in the loading or discharging port, rather than the problem of delay due to bad weather, and it was reasonable to infer that "wibon" was similarly directed.

The statement by Lord Justice Roskill in *E. L. Oldendorff & Co GmbH v Tradax Export SA* ([1974] AC 429, 515) that the effect of the phrase "whether in berth or not" was to convert a berth charterparty into a port charterparty was made, and made only, in relation to a case where a berth was not available for the ship on her arrival.

There was no good reason for applying that statement to the wholly different kind of case where a berth was available but the ship was prevented by bad weather from proceeding to it.

Having regard to the authorities and the context in which "wibon" was to be found in the charterparty, the phrase "whether in berth or not" should be interpreted as applying only to cases where a berth was not available and not also to cases where a berth was available but was unreachable by reason of bad weather.

Lord Bridge, Lord Templeman, Lord Ackner and Lord Oliver agreed.

Solicitors: Holman, Fenwick & Willan; Middleton Potts.

Imposing conditions on grant of bail

Regina v Bournemouth Justices, Ex parte Cross
Regina v Bournemouth Justices, Ex parte Griffin
Regina v Bournemouth Justices and Others, Ex parte Pamment

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment October 17]

Justices could impose conditions on the grant of bail in cases where the offence alleged was not one punishable by imprisonment. Where a defendant had indicated that in certain circumstances he would not be prepared to comply with a proposed condition, that did not justify the justices remanding him in custody as he was not in breach of any condition actually imposed.

*The Queen's Bench Di*visional Court so held in a reserved judgment (i) refusing applications in respect of bail conditions imposed by Bournemouth Justices on Harry Cross and Laura Fay Griffin of Exeter and John Pamment of Birmingham arising out of their arrests after a meeting of the Cattistock Hunt near Crewkerne, Dorset on September 15, 1987, as a result of which *they were charged under section* 5 of the Public Order Act 1986, the maximum punishment for which was a fine of £400, and with conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace; and (ii) granting to John Pamment an order of *certiorari* quashing the decision of the Blandford Justices to remand him in custody.

Mr Adrian Fulford for the applicants; Mr Guy Sankey for the Blandford Justices; the Bournemouth Justices did not appear and were not represented.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the three applicants had appeared at Bournemouth Magistrates Court on September 16 and were released on bail on condition that they did not attend another hunt meeting in England and Wales before their next appearance. Following that they appeared, with others, at Blandford Magistrates Court on November 26, 1987.

Cross and Griffin were granted bail on the condition that they would not disrupt any hunt prior to their trials which were to take place in February 1988. Cross had earlier been arrested on November 7, 1987 for being in breach of the conditions of his bail and had been remanded in custody until November 10 when he was granted bail.

Pamment indicated that in certain circumstances he would intervene to prevent a hunt being carried on illegally and that was taken by the justices as a refusal to to agree to the imposition of the condition and he was remanded in custody.

His solicitor protested and asserted that the justices had no power to do so. He had earlier argued that, as the offence under section 5 was a non-imprisonable one, the justices had no power to impose any condition on the grant of bail. Those submissions were not accepted by the justices.

On the following day Pamment went to Exeter Crown Court where, without any indication that the condition of bail imposed by the justices was *ultra vires*, he was granted bail. Later that day he agreed to become bound by the condition imposed.

On February 1, 1988 Pamment admitted at Blandford Magistrates' Court that on September 15, 1987 he had acted in such a way as could bring about a breach of the peace. He was consequently bound over in the sum of £200 for a period of two years and was ordered to pay £25 costs.

The Crown then offered no evidence in relation to the charge under section 5 of the Public Order Act 1986. Cross and Griffin were similarly dealt with on that day.

The issues which arose from *the applications could be put in* the form of three main questions:

1 Did the justices have the power to impose any condition on the grant of bail, seeing that the offence under section 5 was non-imprisonable; and, if they did, was the condition they imposed reasonable?
2 Did the justices have the power to remand Cross and Pamment in custody; and, if *they did, was it reasonable in the* circumstances for them to do so?
3 Was the remedy of damages available to Cross and Pamment?

Section 4 of the Bail Act 1976 provided the general right to bail "except as provided in Schedule 1" which cut down the general right. Part I of the Schedule made express provisions where defendants were accused or convicted of imprisonable offences.

Part II made different, less stringent provisions (applicable only the defendant had *previously failed to surrender to* custody) where defendants were accused or convicted of non-imprisonable offences.

Section 3 of the Act allowed conditions to be imposed where *bail was granted. No require*ments other than those provided by section 3 could be imposed as a condition of bail (section 3(3)(c)).

By section 3(6) a person granted bail "may be required (but only by a court) to comply, before release on bail or later, with such requirements as appear to the court to be necessary to secure that:— (a) he surrenders to custody, (b) he does not commit an offence while on bail, (c) he does not interfere with witnesses or otherwise obstruct the course of justice whether in relation to himself or any other person, (d) *he makes himself available for* the purpose of enabling inquiries or a report to be made to assist the court in dealing with him for the offence."

The applicants' main argument hinged upon the impact of section 4(5) and paragraph 8 of part I of Schedule 1 to the Act. Section 4(5) provided: "Schedule 1 to this Act also has effect as respects conditions of bail for a person to whom this section applies."

Paragraph 8(1) to Schedule 1 provided: ". . . where the defendant is granted bail, no conditions shall be imposed under subsections (4) to (7) of section 3 *of this Act unless it appears* to the court that it is necessary to do so for the purpose of preventing the occurrence of any of the events mentioned in paragraph 2 of this part of this Schedule . . .".

Paragraph 2 set out the specific circumstances in which bail need not be granted where the defendant was accused of an imprisonable offence.

By *contrast Part II of Sched*ule 1 contained no provisions comparable to those set out in paragraph 8 of Part I.

The applicants' argument was that it was illogical that there *should be restrictions on the* imposition of conditions for imprisonable offences when there were no such restrictions imposed for non-imprisonable offences and that indicated that *Parliament did not intend* that conditions should be imposed save in the limited circumstances set out in paragraph 2(4) of Part II of Schedule 1.

The court was wholly unable *to accept that argument. Section* 3(3)(c) and section 3(6) restricted conditions which might be applied in all cases where bail was granted.

Paragraph 8 of Part 1 was expressly limited to cases involving imprisonable offences and added nothing to section 3(6). Its absence from Part II of Schedule 1 was, in the judgment of the court, of no significance in cases involving non-imprisonable offences.

It followed that none of the applicants was entitled to relief in respect of the condition imposed and that in Cross's case its enforcement on November 9 *was enforced properly in* accordance with the provisions of the Act.

In the judgment of the court, the Blandford Justices were in error when they remanded Pamment in custody. Section 3(6) allowed conditions to be imposed (or more strictly "requirements to be complied with") before or after release or later.

However, there was no power to withhold bail except upon the prescribed grounds. The justices' condition could have been imposed on Pamment and any later indication that he would attend a hunt could have been *dealt with under section 7.* In particular section 7(3)(b) would have allowed arrest without warrant provided that a constable had reason to believe that Pamment was likely to break the condition of his bail.

If expression of consent to the requirement desired by the justices had been made a condition to be complied with before release the matter might have been different.

In the circumstances Pamment's detention after the Blandford Justices' order on November 26 was unlawful and the order made remanding him in custody was quashed.

If he wished to pursue his claim for damages the matter could be restored for further hearing. However, since the order could have been made in the alternative way suggested there might be little purpose in that; but the matter was one for him and his advisers to consider.

Solicitors: J. and S. P. Pope, Exeter; *Treasury Solicitor.*

Guardian cannot invoke wardship jurisdiction

A v Berkshire County Council

Before Lord Justice Purchas and Sir Gervase Sheldon

[Judgment October 18]

A guardian *ad litem* in disagreement with a local authority over the future placement of a minor, the subject of care proceedings, could not have recourse to the wardship jurisdiction, as by invoking that jurisdiction there was interference with the statutory responsibilities of local authorities and a conflict with the decision of the House of Lords in *A v Liverpool City Council* ([1982] AC 363).

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by the guardian *ad litem* from the decision of Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, that wardship proceedings relating to the minor should be terminated (*The Times* June 10, 1988).

Mr Peter Coni, QC and Miss Gillian Brasse (neither of whom appeared below) for the guardian *ad litem*. Mrs Helen Grindrod, QC (who did not appear below) and Miss Mhairi McNab for Berkshire County Council.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS said that the boy was now at a residential school. He was having increasing access to his family and his situation had improved.

The President was justified in the view he had expressed as there were care proceedings under the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 before the juvenile court. By his judgment the President did not mean that the status of the guardian *ad litem* was below any other interested person in the wardship jurisdiction.

A guardian *ad litem* appointed to represent a minor in care proceedings could not call upon the inherent jurisdiction. His Lordship found it difficult to envisage a hypothetical case in which a guardian *ad litem* could dissociate himself from the care proceedings before the juvenile court to invoke the wardship jurisdiction.

The wardship jurisdiction was not part of the equipment available to a guardian *ad litem* who desired to influence the management of a child's future.

The function of rule 14A of the Magistrates' Courts (Children and Young Persons) Rules (SI 1970 No 1792 (L32)) as inserted by the Magistrates' Courts (Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Rules (SI 1976 No 1769 (L34)) and amended by the Magistrates' Courts Rules (Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Rules (SI 1984 No 567 (L3)) was clear. The rule related to proceedings before the juvenile court.

SIR GERVASE SHELDON said that anyone with a real interest in a child's interest could invoke the wardship jurisdiction as plaintiff. However, in the present case, the guardian *ad litem* had a stautory status in the juvenile court but had no such status in wardship proceedings.

The guardian *ad litem*, by invoking the wardship jurisdiction was attempting to interfere with the day-to-day management of the minor contrary to the principles of *A v Liverpool City Council*.

Solicitors: Griffiths & Co, Reading; Mr D. C. H. Williams, Reading.

Recklessness meaning

Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food v Mainprize

The word "recklessness" in article 3(2) of the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control *Measures) Order* (SI 1985 No 487) should be given its ordinary English meaning, as it was in the context of the tort of fraud.

The Queen's Bench Di*visional Court* (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy) so held on October 20 in refusing an appeal by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food against the acquittal of Robert Mainprize by Scarborough Justices on a charge of recklessly furnishing information which was false in a material particular as to the quantity of cod caught.

Repudiation not accepted

Segap Garages Ltd v Gulf Oil (Great Britain) Ltd

Where a party to a contract elected not to accept the other party's repudiation, the contract was kept alive for the benefit of both parties.

Therefore, if the affirming party then responded to the repudiatory breach by refusing, in breach of the contract, to pay for goods already supplied under it the repudiating party could rely on a term of the contract entitling it to terminate the contract if the other party were in breach, unless the affirming party could prove that his breach had been caused by or was due to the repudiatory breach.

Where the course of dealing between parties had led the purchaser to believe that the seller would continue to supply on credit terms, notwithstanding that the purchaser was in excess of his credit limit, the seller was estopped in equity from refusing to supply on credit terms orders which it had already received and accepted, or from withdrawing the credit terms without reasonable notice.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Nicholls and Lord Justice Taylor) so held on October 7, dismissing an appeal and a cross-appeal from Mr Justice Scott who on December 19, 1986 had given judgment for the plaintiff in its action in respect of the defendant's breach of contract in failing to supply motor fuel to it. The judge had awarded damages in respect of three instances of non-delivery in April 1985 and had rejected the plaintiff's claim for damages for non-delivery over a two-year period.

RUGBY UNION: MORRIS'S DEPARTURE GIVES CAMPESE CHANCE TO ENJOY HIMSELF WHILE NOTTINGHAM RETAIN UNBEATEN LEAGUE RECORD

Australians let off hook by defensive gentlemen's game

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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The good manners of the English used to be legendary; perhaps it was overdoing it at Sale on Saturday when, after the Australians had been mugged by London and the North, the victim was invited to get up and deliver a few crisp blows of his own against a XV incorrectly named England B.

The scoreline of four goals, a try and three penalty goals to two penalties and a dropped goal fails to reflect the fact that, for an hour, there was only briefly more than one score between the teams, nor the willingness of the Englishmen to make a genuine contest of what had become, for them, primarily a defensive occasion.

Alan Davies, the England B coach, was clearly not amused. The match, he believes, devalued the whole concept of the B side as one step below full international honours and, at which level, he has enjoyed singular success. It was only the second time in 10 years a team labelled England B had lost — the first was in a genuine B international against France in 1979.

He was also concerned at the wholesale exposure of promising players to what may be deemed an humiliating experience — though had not the Australians taken advantage of their overwhelming possession in the *last 15 minutes, the humiliation* would have been theirs regardless of the result.

"If you take a lad like David Pears to see what he is like at this level," Davies said, "you surround him with experienced players and give him the chance to find his feet." Indeed, it was a credit to Pears and his colleagues that they kept going so long and so well against an international side which — Campese apart — looked ponderous for far too long.

"Up to half-time when the visitors led 7-6 we were very tentative, we had no positive control," Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, said. "Once we got the confidence of the scoreboard, we got much better. We were able to relax and start to play. There was much more discipline in our play at the breakdown."

For the first time on tour the Australians dominated the set pieces: England B won only one lineout in the second half, Gardner enjoying himself hugely at the tail, and their scrum failed to handle the pressure which came through, first on one side then the other. To cap everything, England lost Morris, their scrum half, who provided further evidence of why he has become so highly rated.

He was carried off with a badly bruised shin 10 minutes into the second half and suddenly Farr-Jones discovered a freedom he had not previously enjoyed. England had already lost Hodgson with a dislocated shoulder when the two flankers had been *combining well together*, which rather outweighed the loss to the Australians — after only 10 minutes of his first tour match — of Cornish, with a bruised hip which will *probably keep him out of the* next two games.

Nothing, though, should take away from Campese's three tries — an apt celebration of his 26th birthday the previous day. His first was a straightforward burglary of Ryan, who conceded possession on halfway.

In formal play, Hackney defended well against him but Campese is a very informal sort of player; his second try came from a somewhat mechanical scissors in midfield and his third direct from a crosskick by Farr-Jones from a tapped penalty — a replica of the try scored by Moon from *McLean's diagonal when* Australian played Scotland in 1981.

All the Australian tries, bar Campese's first, came in the final quarter, after Morris's departure (*and he is a particularly good defender*) and when the England back row, in which Thornley distinguished himself, had been drawn into close-quarters damage *limitation*.

Leeds came through on a midfield switch and a strong break by Farr-Jones gave Grant space for a try. Since Leeds enjoyed goal-kicking *much more than he did* against London, the Australians will have been more than happy to have discovered some thread of form. Now they must assemble a whole garment against the muggers who lie in wait at Bristol and Leicester.

SCORERS: England B: Penalties: Thresher (2). Dropped goal: Pears. Australians: Tries: Campese (3), Leeds, Grant. Conversions: Leeds (4). Penalties: Leeds (3).
ENGLAND B: S Thresher (Harlequins); S Hackney (Nottingham), J Buckton (Saracens), J Guscott (Bath), N Bailey (Wasps, capt); D Pears (Sale), D Morris (Liverpool St Helens; rep: G Doggart, Sale); L Johnson (Nottingham), K Dunn (Gloucester), A Mullins (Harlequins), S Hodgson (Vale of Lune; rep: D Pegler, Wasps), R Kimmins (Orrell), D Cusani (Liverpool St Helens), P Thornley (Leicester), D Ryan (Saracens).
AUSTRALIANS: A Leeds; J Grant, B Girvan, P Cornish (rep: M Cook), D Campese; L Walker, N Farr-Jones (capt); M Hartill, T Lawton, A McIntyre, J Miller, S Cutler, D Frawley, J Gardner, S Tuynman.
Referee: J-C Doulcet (Fr).

Selectors faced by long list of injuries

By David Hands

Jonathan Webb, the England full back, may miss Wednesday's game for the South-West division against the Australians at Bristol. He is to see a consultant today about cartilage damage and strained ligaments *to his knee, aggravated in the* final moments of Bristol's game against Bath on Saturday.

He missed divisional training yesterday and the selectors must also wait for fitness tests on Halliday (centre) and Morrison (lock). Swift, the Bath wing, has already withdrawn from the side with a groin injury but no replacements will be named until the selectors are sure of the number of changes necessary.

Webb said yesterday: "I think I have torn a cartilage. The knee locked just after I left the pitch, which is a sign the cartilage has gone. The more immediate problem is strained ligaments and I will have to mull over the options after the consultation. I'm fairly pessimistic about Wednesday."

The Midlands, who play the Australians at Leicester on Saturday, must wait until Wednesday to hear of Rees's prospects of playing. The England flanker left the field just before half-time in Nottingham's game with Leicester with muscular damage to his neck but is optimistic that regular physiotherapy will correct the damage.

Richardson and Wells, the Leicester tight-head prop and flanker, must confirm their fitness, too; Richardson did not play at the weekend because of a hamstring injury but Wells played a second-team match.

Nottingham retained their unbeaten league record in a 12-12 result, four penalties by Hodgkinson being enough to keep the champions at arm's length.

Moseley secured their first league victory by beating Waterloo 13-6, which leaves the Lancashire club firmly rooted at the bottom of the first division without a win.

Saracens took over leadership of the second division on points *difference from Coventry*, by virtue of their 37-4 win over London Welsh, in which Kennedy scored two of their six tries and kicked three penalties and two conversions.



Collision course: Tuynman moves in as Morris clears the ball (Photograph: Chris Smith)

Bath find all the answers

By Peter Bills

Bath	16
Bristol	9

If any side had a chance to upset the Bath bandwagon, which seems to be rolling unhindered towards the Courage Clubs Championship first division title, it was Bristol at the Recreation Ground on Saturday.

Bath, without Guscott, Swift and Morrison were not exactly vulnerable but did look flustered early on as Bristol fielded all their opponents' early shots and then seized control.

But by half-time Bath emerged from 40 minutes of considerable difficulties with a 6-3 lead and the script for the second half was predictable.

The lesson for a culpable Bristol side was that any team hoping to put a stop to Bath's challenge must do so when the opportunity arises. Bristol's backs squandered three or four clear-cut scoring chances. Bath should have been punished when Webb was so close to the line but a poor pass wasted the opportunity. Carr, within two yards of the posts, wrecked a splendid attacking position by being penalized. Worse still, Knibbs, in the classic two-on-one situation, failed to draw the last man correctly.

It got worse. Webb missed three elementary penalty chances: too late. Hogg took over and kicked two. Bath, let off the hook, pulled themselves *together to take control*.

By half-time Bristol had conceded 12 penalties to five by Bath. All the hard work of Skuse and Blackmore in the lineout which so embarrassed Redman and company was largely unrewarded.

Bristol's limitations stemmed from the fact that they had no real game-plan behind the scrum and did not drive the ball up the fringes with sufficient zeal. As a result, good possession was poorly channelled. In contrast Barnes and Hill ensured that when Cronin brought them into the lineout contest, Robinson's tremendous work-rate began to produce ball, it was shrewdly utilized.

SCORERS: Bath: Try: Hill. Penalty goals: Barnes (3). Dropped goal: Barnes. Bristol: Penalty goals: Hogg (2), Webb.
BATH: A Lumsden; D Trick, S Halliday, J Palmer, B Trevaskis; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, G Dawe, R Lee, D Cronin, N Redman, A Robinson, J Hall, D Egerton.
BRISTOL: J Webb; J Carr, R Nibbs, D Thomas, D Woodman; S Hogg, R Harding; C Phillips, D Palmer, J Doubleday, M Skuse, A Blackmore, G Crane, P Collings, W Hone.
Referee: I Butterwell (E Midlands).

Wasps run amok against soft touch

By Peter Dixon

Wasps	39
Rosslyn Park	16

The fact that Wasps contrived to give Rosslyn Park a 16-point head start may, on the surface, have seemed a little generous. In golfing terms, however, the handicap was way off mark.

So pronounced was the gap in class between the two sets of backs that by the end it seemed that as soon as Wasps ran with the ball they were going to score. The result was a victory by five goals and three penalties against two goals and a try.

This was a disappointing match, one from which neither side emerged with any real credit. For the most part the forwards cancelled each other out, happier, it seemed, to play the game on the ground than on their feet. And while the *threequarters ran in seven of the* eight tries — many of which stemmed from unforced errors — the tackling, or lack of it, was questionable.

Life in the first division is no bundle of laughs for Rosslyn Park. After 30 minutes they were 16-0 up through tries by Hunter, Wyles and Smith, two of which were converted, but never looked capable of consolidating the lead.

In the 33rd minute, Andrew put the first of his 23 points on the board with a penalty goal; Wasps ending the half just seven points adrift through a converted try by Davies.

After the interval Wasps ran amok. Davies came into the line at every opportunity, slicing through the opposition as if they were not there and invariably creating the overlap. Tries from Pilgrim, Smith, Ellison and Andrew was testimony to the hosts' running game, although *they are unlikely to find such a* soft touch again this season.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Davies, Pilgrim, Smith, Ellison, Andrew. Conversions: Andrew (5). Penalty goals: Andrew (3).
Rosslyn Park: Tries: Hunter, Wyles, Smith. Conversions: Grainger (2).
WASPS: H Davies; S Smith, K Simms, R Lozowski, S Pilgrim; R Andrew, S Bates; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rose, S Cutler, S O'Leary, M Rigby, J Ellison.
ROSSLYN PARK: J Graves; S Hunter, K Wyles (rep: D Palmer), T Harris, R Nelson-Williams; S Smith, A Woodhouse; P Essenhigh, D Barnett, C McGauley, T Hyde, S Fowkes, S Dear, M Hill, T Brooks.
Referee: J Trigg (London).

Dismissal of Rowland spoils Coventry's fun

By Gordon Allan

Coventry	19
Gosforth	12

Coventry remain at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship second division after this win over Gosforth at Coundon Road on Saturday. They scored two goals, a try and a dropped goal against a goal and two penalty goals, with a good second-half performance clouded by the dismissal of their flanker, Rowland, for stamping at a ruck in the last 10 minutes.

Gosforth's style has not changed much over the years. They still lean heavily on a hard pack, kicking half backs and defensive centres, with, on Saturday, the occasional variation of Edwards coming in off the wing to see if he could crash through the middle. That was how he scored a try, by strength, not science.

Coventry adopted a similar approach, except that they put a little more trust in their threequarters, of whom McKenzie looked the most penetrative. They had nobody of Bainbridge's stature at the lineout, but their scrum was solid and they competed diligently at the rucks.

Steve Thomas ran a tap penalty from close range for Gulliver to score Coventry's first try a moment before half-time. Otherwise the first half was a desert of futile effort.

Henderson, having landed a penalty for Gosforth early in the second half (he missed four such kicks out of six), had to take over at scrum half when Walker left the field with an injured leg.

McKenzie, following up a Garryowen by Lakey and Travers, in a push-over, scored tries for Coventry, both converted by Steve Thomas. Gosforth cut the deficit to 10-9 and 16-12, but Lakey dropped a goal immediately after the sending-off and Coventry were safe.

SCORERS: Coventry: Tries: Gulliver, McKenzie, Travers. Conversions: S Thomas (2). Dropped goal: Lakey.
Gosforth: Try: Edwards. Conversion: Henderson. Penalties: Henderson (2).
COVENTRY: M Fairs; L McKenzie, J Graham, A Parton, S Hall; M Lakey, S Thomas; G Tregidgo, A Farrington, S Wilkes, P Rowland, A Gulliver, C Hall, P Thomas, R Travers.
GOSFORTH: D Briggs; C Henderson, R Wilkinson, D Clegg, S Edwards; P Clark, D Walker (rep: D Ogilvie), R Moffatt, R Murray, P Flowers, G Swallwood, K Westgarth, S Bainbridge, N Frankland, C Hall.
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

Mannion wins his first cap

By George Ace

Ireland have introduced one new cap, Noel Mannion, for the international against Western Samoa at Lansdowne Road on Saturday. Mannion, the Corinthians and Connacht back-row forward, was selected at No. 8. Of greater importance is the naming of Philip Matthews as captain. Matthews takes over from Donal Lenihan.

Lenihan retains his second-row place but his partner, Willie Anderson, gives way to Neil Francis. Steve Smith wins a second cap getting the nod over his Ulster colleague, McDonald, and Danaher is recalled at full back for Hugo MacNeill, who is unavailable.

Matthews has captained Irish Schools and Queen's University. An outstanding back-row forward, Matthews may prove to be an inspired choice who will lead from the front.

Mannion, aged 25, is 6ft 5in and weighs 15st 10lb. He was educated at Garbally College, the alma mater of two previous Irish captains, Ray McLoughlin and Ciaran Fitzgerald. He had a spell with Wanderers in Dublin and played for six months in Australia, before rejoining Corinthians. He is the first member of the Connacht club to achieve international recognition.

IRELAND: P Danaher (Garryowen); J Sexton (Lansdowne), B Mullin (London Irish), M Kiernan (Dolphins), K Crossan (Instonians), P Dean (St Mary's College), F Aherne (Lansdowne); T Clancy (Lansdowne), S Smith (Ballymena), J McCoy (Bangor), P Matthews (Wanderers) (*D Lenihan (Constitution), N Francis* (London Irish), D McBride (Malone), N Mannion (Corinthians). Replacements: F Dunlea (Dublin University), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), M Bradley (Constitution), P O'Hara (Sunday's Well), D Fitzgerald (Lansdowne), J McDonald (Malone).

● The results of the opening provincial championship games on Saturday were predictable: Leinster defeated Munster, at Lansdowne Road, by two tries and five penalties to four penalties: the champions, Ulster, beat Connacht by one goal, one try and two penalty goals to one penalty.

With O'Driscoll and McCarthy, two key Connacht players, both making late withdrawals, the western province faced an uphill task. But with the pack playing well throughout and Mannion outstanding in the back row they denied Ulster any worthwhile possession.

SCORERS: Ulster: Tries: Irwin, Russell. Conversions: Ramey. Penalties: Ramey (2). Connacht: Penalty: Cross-Callaghan. Leinster: Tries: Sexton, Mullin. Penalties: Cumningham (5). Munster: Penalties: Kiernan (4).
REMAINING FIXTURES: November 12: Ulster v Leinster (Ravenhill), Munster v Connacht (Cork). December 3: Connacht v Leinster (Galway); Munster v Ulster (Limerick).

Pumas beaten once again

Argentinian hopes of avenging their defeat four days previously at the hands of a Burgundy team, foundered at Clermont Ferrand when they were beaten 23-19 by an Auvergne XV. A margin of four points flattered the Pumas who were outplayed in the second half by a side built around the Montferrand club.

At Rodez, the Maoris drew the third match of their French tour when they shared 20 points *with a regional XV while in* Santiago, the South Africa Rugby Board team full back, Call Scholtz, kicked 25 points as the touring side thrashed a combined team from Chile. Uruguay and Paraguay by 77-15.

Samoans stretch Bridgend

By Gerald Davies

Bridgend	21
Western Samoans	17

Long before the light drizzle had turned, by half-time, to sheeting rain, it was already clear that this fourth match of the Western Samoan tour was not going to etch itself unforgettably on the mind.

Early on, there were elementary errors of handling. There was never any guarantee either, that the side taking the ball into the maul would also emerge with it, and whichever side did finally win it, it was invariably kicked dead again.

There was a reluctance to be more positive than that.

Such soggy conditions, you *would not have been far off the* mark in concluding, might have appealed more to the Welsh way of doing things on the rugby field than those from sunnier climes. Not so, it seems.

Ten minutes into the second *half, Bridgend were comfortably* ahead at 21-7, but at the final whistle the visitors were only one score away to lose their first match of the tour by two goals and three penalties to a goal, two tries and a penalty.

If victory went to Bridgend, in a match sponsored by Red Stripe, the two most memorable moments belonged to the Samoans. Having heard and seen that the visitors were not particularly happy in the scrum, Bridgend decided to hammer home the point which they did, monotonously, and by holding the ball so long at the No. 8's feet effectively curtailed the half backs activities.

Such were the limits that they came close, in the end, to having to sweat it out. We were left to admire, instead, the two pieces of sparkling rugby provided by the visitors which brightened up the second half and which gave them the last two scores.

The first was a superbly executed short penalty near the half-way line. The ball was passed from the scrum half, the replacement Young, to one of four players standing in a row. *Since these Samoans had their* backs turned, Bridgend were left unsighted. Not knowing who had the ball and to whom it was going to be given, does have its disadvantages for a defence.

Alalatoa came through a gap which opened up in the players' rank at such speed which left the home side so bemused that the prop had already given the scoring pass to Mano by the time they realized what had happened. Their last try was begun by Aiolupo on his own line. Ah Kuoi took it on before giving Ugape the final run-in. Aiolupo converted.

These contrasted with the rest of a simply stolid game. Bridgend had built up a good lead by *half-time. Parry had put* them ahead with a penalty after two minutes.

SCORERS: Bridgend: Tries: J Apsee, G Webb. Conversions: A Parry (2). Penalties: A Parry (3). Western Samoans: Tries: M Iupeli, L Mano, T Ugape. Conversion: A Aiolupo. Penalty: A Aiolupo.
BRIDGEND: A Parry; G Webbe, J Apsee, S Pritchard, R Diplock; A Williams, S Roach; M Griffiths, W Hall, P Edwards, J Morgan, P Kawulok, M Langley, P Yardley, O Williams.
WESTERN SAMOANS: A Aiolupo; L Koko, K Sio, J Ah Kuoi, T Ugape; F Saena, V Fepulea'i (rep: P Young), P Fatialofa, S Toomalatai, V Alalatoa, T Selo, S Tupuola, D Williams, M Iupeli (rep: L Mano), V Faasua.
Referee: D Templeton (Ireland).

Guests suitably impressed

By Michael Stevenson

Llandovery College	19
Christ College, Brecon	0

The hundredth meeting between these cradles of fine rugby football was watched by a crowd of around 5,000, who saw the hosts earn a convincing victory by two goals, a try and a dropped goal to nil.

The game was a magnificent tribute to schoolboy rugby: hard, uncompromising but scrupulously clean and the many Lions, Barbarians and Welsh internationals who attended the match and the Centenary banquet were bubbling with delight.

The difference between the sides lay in the presence of Luc Evans and Matthew Lewis at full back and stand-off half for Llandovery. Both are players of the highest class in attack and defence.

After Gwynne had touched down a pushover try, Lewis worked two outrageous, dummy scissors with his centres and put the speedy Evans away on the burst. Evans converted both tries and dropped a neat goal so that Llandovery led 12-0 at the interval.

The Christ's pack played magnificently in the second half but they still bought Lewis's dummies! He showed a fair turn of foot when he dummied, accelerated through the gap and threw a long pass to James Lewis, who scored wide out on the left.

Back came Brecon to produce one glorious threequarter movement, their first and last of the match, with Lowry breaking and Powell in the line but Llandovery's tackling proved too sure.

SCORERS: Llandovery: Tries: Gwynne, I L Evans, J Lewis. Conversions: I L Evans (2). Dropped goal: I L Evans.
LLANDOVERY COLLEGE: I L Evans; J L Evans, M Daniels, I W Jones, M J A B Lewis; M T Lewis, M Harris, J P B Evans, J W Thomas, S W Muderack, J B Glover, S M Vassie, O S Lloyd, I M Gwynne, J E Hussell.
CHRIST COLLEGE: G A Powell; J Patel, J G Lowry, G C John, G Morgan; M R Yendle, S D Hooper; A L P Lewis, S Sheenan, J H Davies, D M Roderick, O C B Facey (rep: E Hodard), A D Richards, J A Cooley, K F W Lumby (rep: G Creemer).
Referee: W Jones (WRU).

Breakaway by Transvaal is predicted

Johannesburg.—A threat to go it alone by three of South Africa's *most powerful provincial rugby* football unions if the initiative by Dr Danie Craven to end the country's isolation is scuppered was taking shape at the weekend (Ray Kennedy writes).

Dr Louis Luyt, president of the Transvaal Union, who had accompanied Dr Craven, the South African Rugby Board (SARB) president, to talks with the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), threatened that Transvaal, Natal and Western Province would link up with the South African Rugby Union (SARU) to form a truly non-racial organization.

He said: "These three SARB unions are all you would need in terms of choice of venues, numbers of players and public support to make non-racial rugby a reality."

● SANTIAGO: A proposal put forward here on Friday by Dr Craven for South Africa to form an inter-continental rugby union with South America has been warmly received, according to Hugo Ceretta, the acting president of Uruguay's union (AP reports). Craven met leaders of the rugby unions of Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile. "In principle, we're all in agreement. Now we have to carry it out," Ceretta said.

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION RESULTS

INTERNATIONAL MATCH
England B 9 Australians 37

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division
Bath 16 Bristol 9
Bath: Try: Hill. Pens: Barnes (3). Dropped goal: Barnes. Bristol: Pens: Hogg (2), Webb
Liverpool St H 9 Gloucester 31
Liverpool St Helens: Try: Jones. Con: Askew. Pen: Askew. Gloucester: Tries: Mann (2), Hamlin (2), Mogg. Cons: Smith (4) Pen: Smith.
Moseley 13 Waterloo 6
Moseley: Tries: Parsons, Shilingford. Con: Amtzen Pen: Amtzen. Waterloo: Pens: Atchison (2).
Nottingham 12 Leicester 12
Nottingham: Pens: Hodgkinson (4). Leicester: Try: Evans. Con: Hare. Pens: Hare (2).
Orrell 16 Harlequins 15
Orrell: Tries: Cleary, Heslop. Con: Amscough. Pens: Amscough (2). Harlequins: Tries: Skinner, Carling Cons: Rose (2). Pen: Rose.
Wasps 39 Rosslyn Park 16
Wasps: Tries: Davies, Smith, Pilgrim, Andrew, Ellison. Cons: Andrew (5). Pens: Andrew (3) Rosslyn Park: Tries: Hunter, Wyles, Smith. Cons: Graves (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	4	4	0	0	80	33	8
Nottingham	4	3	1	0	58	36	7
Gloucester	4	3	0	1	96	46	6
Orrell	4	3	0	1	64	57	6
Leicester	4	2	1	1	65	57	5
Bristol	4	2	0	2	48	32	4
Wasps	4	2	0	2	71	65	4
Harlequins	4	1	0	3	54	71	2
Liverpool St H	4	1	0	3	39	75	2
Rosslyn Park	4	1	0	3	37	83	2
Moseley	4	1	0	3	29	74	2
Waterloo	4	0	0	4	33	58	0

Second division

Bedford	15	London Irish	21				

Bedford: Pens: Finnie (5). London Irish: Tries: Fitzgerald, Davidson, Rollandi. Pens: Mullen (3).

Blackheath	21	Headingley	3

Blackheath: Try: Amannous. Con: Parker. Pens: Parker (4). Dropped goal: King. Headingley: Pen: Appleson.

Coventry	19	Gosforth	12

Coventry: Tries: Gulliver, Travers, McKenzie Cons: Thomas (2). Dropped goal: Lakey Gosforth: Try: Edwards. Con: Henderson. Pens: Henderson (2).

Northampton	15	Sale	12

Northampton: Tries: Burns, Tebbutt, Charles. Pen: Moss. Sale: Pens: Jenion (3). Dropped goal: Joe.

Richmond	12	London Scottish	32

Richmond: Pens: Livesey (4) London Scottish: Tries: Grecian (2), Morrison, Campbell, penalty try. Cons: Russell (2), Hastings. Pens: Russell (2).

Saracens	37	London Welsh	4

Saracens: Tries: Kennedy (2), Roberts, Holmes, Robinson, McFarland. Cons: Kennedy (2). Pens: Kennedy (3). London Welsh: Try: Lelau.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saracens	4	4	0	0	76	20	8
Coventry	4	4	0	0	76	35	8
Blackheath	4	2	1	1	73	34	5
L Scottish	4	2	1	1	47	27	5
Northampton	4	2	1	1	47	40	5
Bedford	4	2	1	1	48	50	5
London Irish	4	2	0	2	48	74	4
Sale	4	1	0	3	75	43	2
Gosforth	4	1	0	3	54	74	2
Richmond	4	1	0	3	39	101	2
Headingley	4	0	1	3	20	54	1
London Welsh	4	0	1	3	36	87	1

Third division

Askeans	12	Plymouth	28
Nuneaton	15	Rugby	18
Sheffield	10	Met Police	6
Vale of Lune	12	Maidstone	7
Wakefield	10	Ryde	6
W Hartlepool	16	Exeter	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	4	4	0	0	109	33	8
Plymouth	4	4	0	0	103	43	8
Wakefield	4	3	0	1	115	33	6
West Hartlepool	4	3	0	1	91	40	6
Nuneaton	4	3	0	1	92	51	6
Ryde	4	2	0	2	47	53	4
Exeter	4	2	0	2	54	59	4
Vale of Lune	4	1	0	3	34	68	2
Sheffield	4	1	0	3	41	81	2
Met Police	4	1	0	3	29	112	2
Maidstone	4	0	0	4	33	100	0
Askeans	4	0	0	4	27	102	0

Area north

Birmingham	12	Lichfield	33
Broughton Park	45	Durham	9
Stoke	9	Roundhay	19
Stourbridge	28	Northern	15
Winnington Park	18	Preston Grasps	12

Area south

Camborne	21	Havant	18
Ealing	17	Lydney	21
Redruth	14	Southend	4
Stroud	20	Sidcup	6
Sudbury	23	Salisbury	7

MIDLANDS: First division: Barker's Butts 15, Derby 19; Walsall 24, Stockwood Park 7; Solihull 17, Hereford 12; Pavians 22, Westleigh 10; Mansfield 12, Newark 19. Second division east: Hinckley 14, Kettering 16; Matlock 12, Syston 14; Stewart and Lloyds 9, Leighton Buzzard 22; Stoneygate 15, Lincoln 12; Vipers 23, Peterborough 9. Second division west: Bromsgrove 24, Burton 0; Dormans 9, Old Yardleians 10; Newbold 4, Worcester 12; Stafford 12, Tamworth 6; Sutton Coldfield 14, Bedworth 11. East Midlands/Leicestershire: Bedford Athletic 28, Aylestone St James 4; Long Buckby 26, Belgrave 6; Towcestrians 13, Luton 7; Wellingborough 20, Loughborough 10; Weston 3, Northampton Trinity 24. North Midlands: First division: Newport 10, Kings Norton 4; Evesham 10, *Kidderminster Carolians 0; Bridgnorth 10,* Malvern 10; Camp Hill 21, Shrewsbury 12; Luctonians 6, Whitchurch 6. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Chesterfield 4, Scunthorpe 14; East Retford 6, Melbsh 6; Glossop 0, Stamford 3. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Leek 6, Stratford 10; Newcastle (Staffs) 7, Old Longtonians 12; Stoke Old Boys 15, Nuneaton CE 9; Trentham 6, Old Leamingtonians 18, Willenhall 10, Leamington 32.

NORTH: First division: Halifax 10, Aspatria 6, Hull and ER 16, Hartlepool Rovers 0; Otley 37, Birkenhead Park 3; West Park 6, Harrogate 34; Wigton 3, Tynedale 16. Second division: Alnwick 13, Wilches 0; Carlisle 13, Wharfedale 7; Davenport 7, Sandal 17; Huddersfield 13, Bradford and Bingley 15; New Brighton 6, Middlesbrough 15. North east: First division: Blaydon 20, Morpeth 15; Gateshead Fell 7, Stockton 19; Keighley 14, Old Crossleyans 13; Rotherham 26, Novocastrians 9; Thornensians 7, Old Brodleians 9. Second division: Beverley 12, Selby 0; Blyth 9, Pocklington 17; Newcastle University 18, Ripon 12; Ryton 18, Pontefract 13; York 21, Old Hymerians 19. North west: First division: Caldy 14, Wirral 9, Egremont 27, Chester 0; Rochdale 20, Mid Cheshire College 9; Sandbach 13, Wigan 23; Wilmslow 12, Sedgeley Park 6. Second division: Burnage 19, Workington 15; Leigh 6, Merseyside Police 16; Macclesfield 38, Penrith 4; Old Aldwinians 9, Blackburn 16; Southport 4, Cockermouth 30.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Berry Hill 18, Maidenhead 15; Bridgwater and Albion 13, High Wycombe 31; Taunton 25, St Ives 3, Torquay Athletic 21, Reading 15; Weston-super-Mare 36, Oxford 16. Second division: Abbey 21, Cinderford 17; Barnstaple 3, Brixham 0; Launceston 13, Henley 16; Newbury 15, Matson 18; Redingensians 36, Devon and Cornwall Police 12. Western counties: Avonmouth Old Boys 31, Crediton 16; Cirencester 9, Gordon League 28, Devonport Services 6, Old Redcliffians 24; Thornton 4, Okehampton 14; Truro 13, Newquay Hornets 3. Southern counties: Aylesbury 18, Marlow 10; Banbury 23, Slough 6; Swindon 16, Swanage and Wareham 10; Wimborne 18, Oxford Old Boys 10; Windsor 28, Oxford Magdalen 7. Cornwall/Devon: Bideford 37, Hayle 4; Exeter Saracens 6, Falmouth 9; Penzance-Newlyn 10, Plymyn 3; Sidmouth 20, Paignton 4; Teignmouth 23, Illogan Park 3. Gloucestershire/Somerset: Avon and Somerset Police 20, Gordano 3; Cleve 7, Coney Hill 9; Old Cultivarians 17, Midsomer Norton 3; Spartans 53, Minehead 3; Whitehall 6, Keynsham 28. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Aldermaston 20, Marlborough 7; Gorsham 0, Sherborne 28; Devizes 15, Bracknell 22; Wootton Bassett 19, Chippenham 6; Weymouth 17, REME Arborfield 16. Buckinghamshire/Oxfordshire: First division: Buckingham 4, Beaconsfield 23; Chiltern 21, Drifters 6; Chinnor 36, Witney 6, Grove 13, Littlemore 13; Milton Keynes 21, Pennarians 8.

CLUB MATCHES

Aberdilery	20	Abercrave	14
Cambridge Univ	28	Cardiff	11
Cheltenham	9	Clifton	12
Ebbw Vale	0	Cross Keys	14
Glamorgan W	9	Newport	23
Llanelli	66	Pontypool	3
Maesteg	12	Newbridge	38
Moseley	6	Wheatsheaf	6
Pontypridd	55	Penarth	4
Swansea	20	Neath	19

McEWAN'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE
First division

Ayr	9	Hawick	30
Boroughmuir	56	Stewart's Mel FP	9
Edinburgh Acad	16	Melrose	22
Glasgow High	19	Watsonians	12
Heriot's FP	40	Glasgow Acads	15
Kelso	42	Selkirk	6
W of Scotland	9	Jed-Forest	37

SECOND DIVISION: Caldy 36, Dunfermline 3; Edinburgh Wanderers 28, Dalziel HSFP 10; Howe of Fife 10, Stirling County 33; Kilmarnock 8, Corstorphine 7; Musselburgh 17, Langholm 12; Portobello FP 26, Hillhead-Jordanhill 20; Preston Lodge FP 3, Gala 15. Third division: Boggie 6, Highland 6; Clarkston 23, Morgan Academy FP 9; Dundee HSFP 9, Gordonians 20, Haddington 36, Greenock Wanderers 7; Kirkaldy 16, East Kilbride 3; Trinity Academicals 25, Royal High 20.

DIGITAL INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Leinster	23	Munster	12
	(at Lansdowne Road)		
Ulster	16	Connacht	3
	(at Ravenhill)		

IRELAND: Digital Under-21 Inter-Provincial Championship: Ulster 23, Connacht 3 (Upper Galwally); Leinster 9, Munster 7 (Lansdowne Road), Ulster Senior club: Dungannon 24, Galwegians 9; NIFC 15, Old Belvedere 13; Ballymena 36, City of Derry 4; Instonians 12, Lansdowne 25; Bangor 17, Blackrock College 16; Collegians 3, DLSP 20; Malone 16, Ards 24. Leinster: Senior club: Bective Rangers 34, Queen's University 9; Clontarf 8, Dolphin 14; Dublin University 7, Sunday's Well 12. Munster: Senior club: Waterpark 3, Greystones 3. Connacht: Senior club: Athlone 12, Skerries 15.

TOUR MATCHES

Bridgend	21	Western Samoa	17
Auvergne XV	23	Argentina	19
	(Clermont Ferrand)		
Regional XV	10	NZ Maoris	10
	(Rodez)		

CYCLING

Inspired ride by unknown Lodge

From Peter Bryan
Wollongong
New South Wales

A weekend of forceful riding achieved the England team's target as they passed the half-way stage in the 1,200 miles Commonwealth Bank Tour and today Harry Lodge starts third overall, six minutes behind one of Poland's strong men, Marek Kulas, who went into the lead last Friday.

Lodge, the quiet man of the five-strong team and with no *special international* pedigree, has been the British revelation of the race, unworried by wearing No. 13.

He moved up to third place in Saturday's 81-mile stage from Maitland to Gosford, which included the tortuous *climb of* Bumble Hill (1,040ft). The summit saw the national champion, Neil Hoban, in with a chance of stage victory when he was one of three to catch the lone leader, Jacques Dufour, of Switzerland. But Hoban's rear tyre burst on the fast descent.

A 30-lap criterium followed at Coogee Beach, on the outskirts of Sydney, and Colin Sturgess, winner of 10 laps, would have won the prize for the most aggressive rider, had there been one.

Yesterday featured another cliff-top criterium at Wollongong, an hour's drive south of Sydney, where Ben Luckwell and Bob Rasenberg shared 30 of the 42 laps, the Dutchman just being pipped on the line by Schumacker, of West Germany.

RESULTS: Eighth stage (Maitland to Gosford, 81 miles): 1, G Pierobon (It), 3hr 21min 49sec; 2, C Zamana (Pol); 3, T Mandini (Switz); 4, J Dufour (Switz), all same time; 5, M Molinet (It), at 1min 47sec; 6, M Hoban (Eng), same time. Other

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Carson set to maintain momentum with double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that well-executed treble at Doncaster on Saturday, Willie Carson again looks the man to follow today when he looks poised for a Nottingham double for John Dunlop on Annio Chilone (1.30) and George James (3.30).

Interestingly, George James is entered to be sold by Tattersalls at Newmarket tomorrow. So this represents his last opportunity to win for his present connections.

With all to gain and nothing to lose, he looks good nap material from his ideal low draw following that fine run at Newmarket 11 days ago when he was beaten only threequarters of a length by Skolern.

Some will point to the fact that that race was run over a furlong further than today's, but he would still have a winning chance today if he reproduces his previous running at Doncaster where he was beaten a length and half a length by Chaplins Club and Softly Spoken.

That race was over today's trip and the two who beat him were very much in form at the time.

What I also like about George James is the fact that he is a fresh horse with only three races behind him this year. That is an important consideration at this late stage of the season when many are feeling the effects of being on the go since the spring.

With only one race under his belt, *Meeson King must* be fresh as well. Yet he has little in hand of Bold Try on their run at Chepstow a week ago when they were involved in that photo-finish with Chummy's Charm.

Annio Chilone can spark off the Carson-Dunlop double by winning the first division of the Woodborough Maiden Stakes.

If ever a horse was bred to get 1¼ miles as a two-year-old it is this son of the 1982 St Leger winner, Touching Wood.

At Leicester six days ago, Annio Chilone was beaten only three lengths in seventh place, having also finished seventh first time out at Salisbury.

The other division can go to Royal Gait's half-sister Miller's Gait who has been placed already at Leicester and Wolverhampton.

The Flawborough EBF Stakes looks a suitable consolation prize for the consistent but luckless filly *Known Charter*, while the Rainworth Apprentice Selling Handicap can go to T Catty who caught a tartar at Haydock Park 11 days ago when beaten by the gambled-on newcomer *Miss Toot*.

At Fakenham, champion jockey Peter Scudamore should take his tally for the season to 50 by winning the Garfunkel Novices' Chase on Wolfhangar.

If he succeeds, his will be the quickest half-century, bettering John Francome's 1984 record by a staggering 18 days.

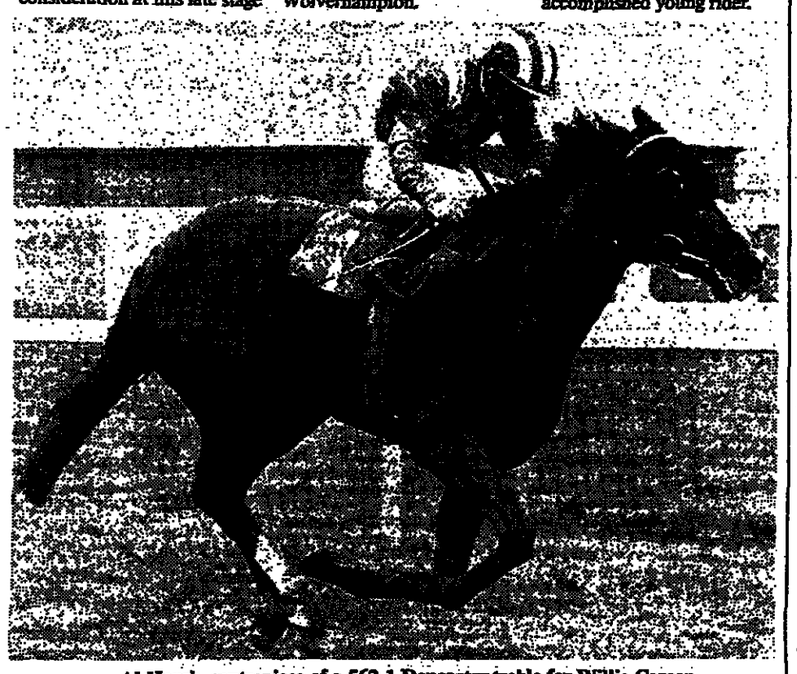
Last season, Wolfhangar had a similar race tied up on his last appearance when he made his only mistake and fell two fences from home. He is worth another chance.

Stable companion Stag Dinner can trigger off a double for Lambourn trainer Charlie Brooks by winning the Fisher & Sons Hurdle.

Last season, this half-brother to his owner Mrs Miles Valentine's two useful chasers, Plundering and Conquering, showed that he was an ideal mount for an amateur when winning at Stratford and Uttoxeter. In Charlie Farrell he has a most accomplished young rider.

Laing retires

Lambourn trainer Ray Laing, aged 66, will retire at the end of this season. He said: "I've enjoyed a really good season with 19 winners, and it would be great to sneak in another one to make it my best-ever year."



Al Hareb, centrepiece of a 562-1 Doncaster treble for Willie Carson

Speedy Al Hareb another ace in West Ilsley's classic hand

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Al Hareb's impressive victory in the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster on Saturday put the West Ilsley team firmly in the driving seat for the 1989 Classics.

After the stable's second consecutive win in the final group one race of the season, Al Hareb now joins Prince Of Dance and Nashwan as live hopes for next season's 2,000 Guineas and Derby.

Of their older horses, Minster Son and Unfuwain will be but two formidable contenders for the top middle-distance races.

"Al Hareb looks an ideal Guineas type," said Dick Hern yesterday. "He did it so easily. I haven't had such a good hand for a long time."

Saturday's win takes the stable into fifth place behind Henry Cecil in the trainers' table.

Hern has been back at home, with his hands firmly on the helm, for a fortnight. He looks a *new man after his operation and* is clearly hungry for next season's action.

The 28-year-old Graham has been stamping himself as a young man of sound judgment as he has carried out his difficult task with modesty and diplomacy.

"Al Hareb has so much natural speed, compared with Prince Of Dance, who is much more the staying type," he said.

Willie Carson, recording the middle leg of a 562-1 treble on Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum's El Gran Senor colt, commented: "Al Hareb was idling in the lead from the furlong marker to the line. He was in his lobbing gear."

Polar Gap,a heavily backed favourite at 7-4 to give Guy Harwood his third Futurity in the past six years, tried to slip his field early in the straight but tired to finish fourth, nine lengths behind the winner.

"Surprisingly, he couldn't act in the dead ground," said the trainer.

The Henry Cecil-trained Zalazl ran the race of his life to finish second, 1½ lengths behind Al Hareb and seven lengths in front of the consistent Frequent Flyer.

When Geoffrey Gibbs comes to make his final assessment for the European Free Handicap, the Jockey Club's chief compiler of weights will probably make Al Hareb third best two-year-old behind High Estate and Prince Of Dance, who had given Zalazl 3lb and a six lengths beating before being disqualified after winning the Washington Singer Stakes at Newbury.

However, the 20-1 that is generally on offer against Al Hareb for the Guineas, seems a trifle generous after the style of his win.

Salse bids farewell with storming Foret victory

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Salse, partnered by Willie Carson, gained a well-deserved group one success at Longchamp yesterday when running out a comfortable winner of the seven-furlong Prix de la Foret.

Henry Cecil's supremely consistent colt was always up with the pace, and when Carson sent his mount on, over a furlong out, the result was never in doubt. Gabina chased him home, 1½ lengths away, with Big Shuffle a further 2½ lengths back in third.

Salse now retires to the Side Hill Stud, and in his eight races this term has won five group contests and been second in the other three.

In the Prix Royal Oak (15f), 11 of the 16 runners were trained outside France, but Andre Fabre's Star Lift (Cash Asssussen) still led a whitewash for the home team, coming home two lengths clear of Floripedes with Vaguely Pleasant third.

Banket, in fifth place, was the best of the English raiders, followed by Dark Lomond in sixth. Sadeem, who hated the ground, was out of the first ten.

● John Dunlop continued his fine run in Italy, when landing a one-two in the Gran Criterium at San Siro, Milan, with Silkston (Gianfranco Dettori) coming home four lengths clear of Star Shareef (John Reid), who dead-heated for second.

Luge success

The Willie Hastings-Bass trained Luge (Jose Santos) took the $250,000 Laurel Futurity (1m) by two lengths on the first day of the Turf Festival on Saturday.

Hillis inquiry

Apprentice Ron Hillis will appear before the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee after being found guilty for the third time this season of improper use of his whip. The Newbury stewards decided Hillis hit Thornfield Boy with "unreasonable frequency" during the Dick Dawson Nursery Handicap.

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NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Annio Chilone.	1.30 Society Guest.
2.00 Known Charter.	2.00 Best Niece.
2.30 Miller's Gait.	2.30 MILLER'S GAIT (nap).
3.00 T Catty.	3.00 Navaresque.
3.30 GEORGE JAMES (nap).	3.30 Light Your Fire.
4.00 Casbatina.	4.00 Marchinella.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.00 Casbatina.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,0,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... S West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. O – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider *plus any allowance. The Times Private* Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best**

1.30 WOODBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £959: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1	(5)	00	ANNIO CHILONE 8 (G Mazza) J Dunlop 9-0	W Carson	84
2	(4)	0000	BLAKENEYS GIFT 19 (Al-Deera Bloodstock) G Fyshe 9-0	J Carter (5)	—
3	(1)	00600	CALAHONDA SONG 30 (D Faulkner) N Bycroft 9-0	M Birch	72
4	(10)	00	HARDHERO 21 (Mrs A Ferguson) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	79
5	(15)	6055	ICARUS 18 (Triangle Thoroughbreds) S Norton 9-0	K Dalley	71
6	(12)	00	KOLINSKY 66 (J Goodman) F Lee 9-0	S Perks	78
7	(13)		LORD ROLFE (Mrs T Killoran) W Brooks 9-0	R Cochrane	—
8	(3)	00	MR ACACIA 14 (V Centamore) R Holder 9-0	J Williams	—
10	(11)		RAGLAN STREET (H Duddin) T Barron 9-0	D Nicholls	—
12	(14)	0500	SAMOAAN CHARGER 24 (R Wasey) R Williams 9-0	T Ives	86
13	(5)	503	SOCIETY GUEST 12 (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 9-0	N Day	93
15	(15)	060055	ANALOVA'S PASSION 96 (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 8-9	J Reid	70
17	(9)	000	CHANDA SING 5 (Capt R Johnson) J Harris 8-9	P D'Arcy	—
18	(2)	0	CORN LILY 11 (Lady Durham) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	92
20	(8)	000	MANDRAKE MAGIC 156 (Mrs R Godfrey) W Wilson 8-9	Dean McKeown	—
21	(7)	5654	WISHIAH 20 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9	R Hills	● 99

BETTING: 2-1 Wishiah, 9-4 Annio Chilone, 6-1 Corn Lily, 8-1 Society Guest, 10-1 Samoaan Charger, 14-1 Handmero, 16-1 others.

1987: ROWLANDSONS TROPHY 9-0 R Fox (8-1) A Ingham 20 ran

FORM ANNIO CHILONE, the better fancied Dunlop runner, comes from a good family and is slowly getting the hang of things. At Leicester last Tuesday he stayed on well behind Diesonant over 7f and will be suited by today's longer trip. Stable companion HARDHERO should also be ready to make a better show after the expearance of two outings.

SOCIETY GUEST, from a good family, showed improved form when staying on behind Prime Display at Haydock (1m mdn). Will be suited by today's trip and must take all the beating.

CORN LILY led until dropping out after half-way to finish 10th behind Ile De Nisky in a mile maiden at Newmarket.

WISHIAH has shown ability in better company than today's moderate opposition. Last time out she went down by 4½l to A Lyph (levels) in a maiden at Wolverhampton. She can make the placings today.

Selection: SOCIETY GUEST

2.0 FLAWBOROUGH EBF STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,321: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

2	(2)	432131	BABIL 28 (CD,F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 10-6	NON-RUNNER	—
3	(3)	32-5232	KNOWN CHARTER 14 (G) (R Barnett) H Candy 9-10	W Newnes	● 99
4	(12)	102241	ISRAR 20 (F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-8	R Hills	93
5	(1)	01-312	AMBER LOCH 35 (D,G,S) (J Arnola) P Cole 9-5	T Quinn	91
7	(8)	224132	BEST NIECE 30 (D,G) (Mrs C St George) H Cecil 9-3	Paul Eddery	96
8	(4)	51204	ARMERIA 24 (D,BF,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-2	Pat Eddery	89
9	(11)	031-	DISSOLUTION 424 (S) (H Kirpalani) R Williams 9-0	T Ives	79
12	(7)	5169	ISLAND ASPECT 46 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 9-0	M Hills	87
16	(9)	1-03030	RED BALLAD 25 (BF,S) (R Gladdis) L Cumani 9-0	R Cochrane	95
17	(10)		SOVEREIGN GUEST (C Taylor) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
18	(5)	460040	TOUCHING STAR 16 (A Richards) C Britain 9-0	B Raymond	85
19	(6)	0	SALLY'S DOVE 13 (Mrs V Price) G Price 8-11	G King	—

BETTING: 5-1 Best Niece, 7-2 Known Charter, 4-1 Red Ballad, 6-1 Armeria, 7-1 Amber Loch, 8-1 Israr, 10-1 Island Aspect, 12-1 others.

1987: MORASCO 9-0 S Cauthen (5-1) H Cecil 19 ran

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2.30 WOODBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £959: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(6)		AAHSAYLAD (F Lee) F Lee 9-0	S Perks	—
2	(8)		ARDORAN (Capt B Bell) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
3	(5)	50	ARTY SCHWEPPES 87 (Schweppes International) R Williams 9-0	J Reid	80
6	(14)	0	EBRO 11 (Mrs F Vessey) Miss M Piggott 9-0	B Crossley	—
8	(2)	60	JAWBREAKER 12 (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson	83
10	(1)	54	MUSAFIRIE 14 (Mrs B Long) R Casey 9-0	B Rouse	91
11	(12)		RANGOON PRINCE (D Hunnisett) D Morley 9-0	M Birch	—
12	(3)	0400	SEA BUCK 11 (C Buckle) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	84
13	(9)	58030	SPY RING 13 (BF) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) J Hills 9-0	R Hills	92
14	(7)	0	WATERSHED 25 (M Simmonds) Miss M Piggott 9-0	T Ives	88
15	(13)	00	ISLAND ADVENTURE 25 (D Adams) R Simpson 8-9	B Raymond	—
17	(11)	05	LIGHT HAND 20 (J Furze) M Tompkins 8-9	R Cochrane	88
18	(10)	32	MILLER'S GAIT 29 (BF) (I Wills) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	● 98
20	(4)	00	SAYSUKI 20 (Rockhouse Stud) C Wildman 8-9	N Adams	—

BETTING: 4-6 Miller's Gait, 9-2 Spy Ring, 7-1 Light Hand, 8-1 Rangoon Prince, 10-1 Ardoran, 12-1 Watershed, 14-1 Musafirie, 16-1 others.

1987: TURSINE BLADE 9-0 T Ives (14-1) Mrs L Piggott 15 ran

FORM ARTY SCHWEPPES was down the field in a maiden at Goodwood won by Regent Light, and in a similar event at Newmarket when 5th of 6 to Racing Home.

ARDORAN, a 5,800gns yearling by the stayer Little Wolf out of a mare which won a maiden, Has been working well at home.

MUSAFIRIE is improving with each outing. At Warwick showed ability when 4th, beaten 6l, by Orpheus (levels).

WATERSHED ran a fair race when in need of the outing behind Observation Post at Newmarket (7f mdn) when 14th of 26.

LIGHT HAND stayed on well when 5th behind A Lyph (levels) at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f to suggest that a longer trip would suit her with MILLER'S GAIT, the well-supported favourite, 2nd. The Stouted-trained filly did not overly keen in the closing stages but has little to beat today.

Selection: MILLER'S GAIT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Stoute	17	49	34.7
H Cecil	18	64	28.1
J Tree	3	11	27.3
J Dunlop	19	83	22.9
L Cumani	6	28	21.4
W Musson	4	22	18.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	25	115	21.7
W Carson	24	124	19.4
J Carter	3	16	18.8
M Birch	19	104	18.3
W R Swinburn	14	104	13.5
B Raymond	7	53	13.2

FAKENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Below Zero.	3.15 Albert The Great.
2.15 Stag Dinner.	3.45 Peer Prince.
2.45 Wolfhangar.	4.15 Sassenoco.

By Michael Seely

2.15 STAG DINNER (nap). 3.15 Albert The Great.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 STAG DINNER.

Going: good

1.45 WALSINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,007: 2m 80yd) (10 runners)

1.		F/13F10	CUT A CAPER 11 (D,F,G,S) (R Brown) R O'Sullivan 6-11-10	D O'Sullivan	85
2		28-5231	MAID MARINER 10 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Worthington) Miss G Rees 6-11-7 (7ex)	W Worthington	85
3		5/42UP/0-	KAM HILL 385 (D,S) (B Culley) C Brennan 6-10-10	M Brennan	—
7		0-4R262	BELOW ZERO 12 (D Evans) D Wintle 5-10-7	A Carroll	95
8		FP-01B4	SHERWOOD FOREST 35 (D,F,G) (N Payne) J Sayers 5-10-5	H Davies	● 99
10		05840-0	LUCKY BLAKE 10 (G) (A Pavlo) J Jenkins 5-10-3	M Fitzgerald (7)	92
11		060/00P-	WILLIE THE MOON 208 (Whitebooks (Racehorses) Limited) J Harris 5-10-1	K Sims	—
12		2PPP-P3	GAELIC LOVER 6 (D Eaton) B Richmond 4-10-0	M Hammond	98
13		0/U50-	COLD LASER 249 (J Nicholson) J Harris 4-10-0	J A Harris	—
17		0-05255	JOEY BLACK 21 (Niland & Treacy Construction Ltd) P Blockley 4-10-0	R Crank	84

BETTING: 3-1 Below Zero, 7-2 Maid Mariner, 4-1 Sherwood Forest, 11-2 Cut A Caper, Gaelic Lover, 12-1 Lucky Blake, 14-1 Joey Black, 16-1 others.

1987: PRONUPTIA BRIDE 6-11-10 A Carroll (13-2) D Wintle 12 ran

2.15 FISHER & SONS (FAKENHAM) LTD HURDLE (Amateurs: £1,640: 2m 5f 110yd) (10 runners)

2		000111-	STAG DINNER 142 (F) (Mrs M Valentine) C Brooks 5-12-0	C Farrell (7)	● 99
4		03/62F4-	IT'S A PRY 241 (S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 7-11-10	P Harding-Jones (7)	—
5		03000-0	CAMDEN BELLE 9 (F,G) (B Edgeley) Miss L Bower 6-11-9	C Barnett-Wells (7)	88
6		432540	HAY STREET 10 (J Wales) J Wales 7-11-8	S Andrews	76
7		0-	CHICO VALDEZ 48F (L Naylor) M Chapman 4-11-5	K Green (7)	—
8		0/PF5-6P	NOBLE BLADE 38 (T Rollingson) T Rollingson 9-11-5	R Dowling (7)	—
9			PRECIOUS OPAL (A Butterfield) W G M Turner 6-11-5	A Butterfield (7)	—
11		P09P-	WIN THE MATCH 241 (F) (B Trueman) R Hoad 5-11-3	T Grantham	—
12		2	BLOW FOR HOME 27 (A Smith) A Smith 4-11-2	M Crossland (7)	83
13		36P-P	TARTAR TERTIUS 10 (M Bloom) Mrs J Bloom 4-11-2	N Bloom (7)	85

BETTING: 4-6 Stag Dinner, 5-1 It's A Pry, 6-1 Blow For Home, 12-1 Camden Belle, 14-1 Hay Street, 16-1 Chico Valdez, 20-1 others.

1987: ICKWORTH 5-11-5 T Thomson Jones (7-2) Mrs D Haine 15 ran

2.45 GARFUNKEL NOVICES CHASE (£1,527: 2m) (10 runners)

1		00003/0	ARTIC CHIEF 16 (R Hawthorn) T Jones 7-11-2	G McCourt	—
2		050/13-3	BARAOORA 28 (F) (D Wright) R O'Sullivan 6-11-2	R Dunwoody	—
4		6P4-4U4	BIGEE 9 (F,G,S) (P Kearney) J Sayers 7-11-2	H Davies	● 99
5		62SP-	DIE IN THE SKY 191 (Mrs T McInnes Skinner) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 7-11-2	M Perrett	88
6		0006/0-	GALLOPING CLAUDE 352 (Mrs D Champion) R Champion 5-11-2	Mr T Grantham	—
7		462342	IN A NUTSHELL 10 (F,G) (J Young) K Morgan 7-11-2	Mr P Harding-Jones (7)	92
9		40F815-	STRANGELY QUIET 147F (F) (P O'Connor) P O'Connor 6-11-2	Mr G Hanmer	—
10		01501F-	WOLFHANGAR 203 (G,S) (Mrs B Samuel) C Brooks 6-11-2	P Scudamore	98
11		5/56-P02	CLAIR SOLEIL 32 (Mrs J Croft) Mrs J Croft 8-10-11	W Humphreys (4)	—
12		0P/6-0PU	LE MARSH 21 (R Stewart) J Scallan 11-10-11	M Furlong	—

BETTING: 6-4 Wolfhanger, 3-1 Baraoora, 4-1 Bigee, 8-1 In A Nutshell, 10-1 Clair Soleil, 14-1 Strangely Quiet, 16-1 others.

1987: SCHLEMMER 5-10-13 M Perrett (9-2) G Enright 16 ran

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RED BALLAD was made favourite in a claimer at Newmarket when a well beaten 8th to Beligay.

Selection: KNOWN CHARTER

2.30 WOODBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £959: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1			AAHSAYLAD (F Lee) F Lee 9-0	S Perks	—
2			ARDORAN (Capt B Bell) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	—
3		50	ARTY SCHWEPPES 87 (Schweppes International) R Williams 9-0	J Reid	80
6		0	EBRO 11 (Mrs F Vessey) Miss M Piggott 9-0	B Crossley	—
8		60	JAWBREAKER 12 (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson	83
10		54	MUSAFIRIE 14 (Mrs B Long) R Casey 9-0	B Rouse	91
11			RANGOON PRINCE (D Hunnisett) D Morley 9-0	M Birch	—
12		0400	SEA BUCK 11 (C Buckle) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	84
13		58030	SPY RING 13 (BF) (Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds) J Hills 9-0	R Hills	92
14		0	WATERSHED 25 (M Simmonds) Miss M Piggott 9-0	T Ives	88
15		00	ISLAND ADVENTURE 25 (D Adams) R Simpson 8-9	B Raymond	—
17		05	LIGHT HAND 20 (J Furze) M Tompkins 8-9	R Cochrane	88
18		32	MILLER'S GAIT 29 (BF) (I Wills) M Stoute 8-9	W R Swinburn	● 98
20		00	SAYSUKI 20 (Rockhouse Stud) C Wildman 8-9	N Adams	—

BETTING: 4-6 Miller's Gait, 9-2 Spy Ring, 7-1 Light Hand, 8-1 Rangoon Prince, 10-1 Ardoran, 12-1 Watershed, 14-1 Musafirie, 16-1 others.

1987: TURSINE BLADE 9-0 T Ives (14-1) Mrs L Piggott 15 ran

FORM ARTY SCHWEPPES was down the field in a maiden at Goodwood won by Regent Light, and in a similar event at Newmarket when 5th of 6 to Racing Home.

ARDORAN, a 5,800gns yearling by the stayer Little Wolf out of a mare which won a maiden, Has been working well at home.

MUSAFIRIE is improving with each outing. At Warwick showed ability when 4th, beaten 6l, by Orpheus (levels).

WATERSHED ran a fair race when in need of the outing behind Observation Post at Newmarket (7f mdn) when 14th of 26.

LIGHT HAND stayed on well when 5th behind A Lyph (levels) at Wolverhampton over 1m 1f to suggest that a longer trip would suit her with MILLER'S GAIT, the well-supported favourite, 2nd. The Stouted-trained filly did not overly keen in the closing stages but has little to beat today.

Selection: MILLER'S GAIT

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Stoute	17	49	34.7
H Cecil	18	64	28.1
J Tree	3	11	27.3
J Dunlop	19	83	22.9
L Cumani	6	28	21.4
W Musson	4	22	18.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	25	115	21.7
W Carson	24	124	19.4
J Carter	3	16	18.8
M Birch	19	104	18.3
W R Swinburn	14	104	13.5
B Raymond	7	53	13.2

Results from Saturday's four meetings

Doncaster

3.10 1, Castle Rock (14-1); 2, Lady Verdi (12-1); 3, Tot Of Rye (14-1). Mother Hen 6-5 fav. 19 ran.

3.40 1, Oriental Splendour (14-1); 2, John Milton (14-1); 3, Shine Again (8-1); 4, By George (15-2). Larkspur Gale 4-1 fav. 21 ran.

4.10 1, Dust Devil (8-1); 2, Wabil (11-10 fav); 3, Irgam (14-1). 11 ran.

3.45 1, Al Hareb (100-30; Maxadrin's and Michael Seely's nap); 2, Zalazl (13-2); 3, Frequent Flyer (33-1). Polar Run 7-4 fav. 8 ran.

4.15 1, Hopping Around (3-1 fav); 2, Cameisa Kiss (9-1); 3, Masked Ball (5-2). 11 ran.

4.45 1, Masarrah (12-1); 2, Golden Ancona (13-2 jt-fav); 3, Slip And Slack (20-1); 4, Cumbrian Express (16-1). Softly Spoken, Scotch Imp 13-2 jt-fav. 21 ran. NR: Chaplins Club.

5.15 1, Mythyaar (4-1 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Kiwi Magic (16-1); 3, Orient (12-1). 20 ran. NR: Tropical Nights, Galapagos.

Newbury

1.30 1, Duck Flight (12-1); 2, Dorlung Lad (9-1); 3, Jokist (20-1); 4, Profit A Prendre (16-1). Berne Wooster 11-2 fav. 20 ran.

2.01, Whipp's Cross (9-2 fav); 2, Osiure (14-1); 3, Vayrua (14-1); 4, Professional Girl (33-1). 22 ran.

2.30 1, Lucky Song (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Flamingo Pond (11-2); 3, Rose Campion (14-1). Angelic Note 11-4 jt-fav. 11 ran. NR: Vitality.

3.01, Upend (6-1); 2, Apache (5-1); 3, Al Mufti (12-1). Emmson 5-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Genobra.

3.30 1, Stanwell (11-2); 2, Castle Secret (25-1); 3, Vassal Hills (13-2). Samhoi 7-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Moments Joy.

4.0 1, Slice (12-1); 2, Where's The Money (5-1); 3, Iron King (9-2). Echo Chamber 3-1 fav. 14 ran.

Huntingdon

2.15 1, Touch Of Speed (12-1); 2, Boutzlarott (11-10 fav); 3, Bob's Advice (7-2). 15 ran. NR: Ski Down, Linocut Lady.

2.45 1, Rapier Thrust (8-13 fav); 2, Fearis (14-1); 3, River Trout (33-1). 14 ran. NR: Fred The Tread, Roving Glen, Freeracer, Rhine Aria.

3.15 1, Floyd (2-9 fav); 2, Mrs Muck (9-2); 3, Humberside Lady (20-1). 4 ran. NR: Hill's Pageant.

3.45 1, Abbeybranay (3-1 jt-fav); 2, Vaguely Artistic (16-1); 3, Domvalley Lad (25-1). Buckfast Abbey 3-1 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Cold And Bold.

4.15 1, Abaroy (14-1); 2, Double Turn (5-1); 3, Dr Pepper (16-1). Eoenspring, Warner's End 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran.

4.45 1, Upgald Member (11-2); 2, Tribute To Youth (10-1); 3, Cymere (15-2). Impeach 85-40 fav. 18 ran. NR: Cumana, Main Star.

5.15 1, Ambernise (3-1); 2, Peapade (12-1); 3, Celtic Barle (11-1). Miss Neptune 4-6 fav. 19 ran. NR: Flolina, Holybourne, Golden Scally.

Stratford

2.0 1, Bapy (8-15 fav); 2, Beach Park (14-1); 3, Queen's Anthem (3-1). 14 ran. NR: Duke's Whistle, Move About, Escapee.

2.30 1, Super Sol (3-1 fav); 2, Creole Bay (12-1); 3, Tuesday Evening (16-1); 4, Bedrock (16-1). 16 ran. NR: Below Zero.

3.0 1, Families Boy (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Highway Express (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Gembridge Jupiter (6-1). 7 ran.

3.30 1, Dinny Walsh (5-4 fav); 2, Inkpen (10-1); 3, Hope Cove (12-1). 16 ran.

4.0 1, Tamatour (8-1); 2, Taffy Jones (25-1); 3, Solent Lad (50-1); 4, Mountain Man (10-1). Fish Quay, Leisverworth 3-1 jt-fav. 18 ran. NR: Windbound Lass, Epitrot.

4.30 1, King Of The Lot (25-1); 2, Diamond Digger (5-4 fav); 3, Record Harvest (7-4). 8 ran.

5.0 1, Folk Dance (7-1); 2, Boxit (7-1); 3, Pop Dancer (11-2); 4, Bute Bouquet (20-1). Common Farm 7-2 fav. 19 ran. NR: Docklands Express, Squire Jim, Roches Roost.

Blinkered first time

NOTTINGHAM: 3.0 Speedy Snaps Lad. 3.30 Blue Rhythm; 4.0 Auntie Di, Land Of Plenty.

Flat leaders

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs	Level stakes
H Cecil	109	76	37	0	-48.37
M Stoute	94	68	55	0	-13.37
B Hills	89	78	66	7	-39.93
L Cumani	72	60	39	0	-31.76
J Berry	70	55	50	9	-40.45
G Harwood	67	56	30	1	-62.49
J Dunlop	64	61	77	0	-99.12
M H Easterby	62	45	50	9	-152.48
R Whitaker	47	60	47	7	-159.32

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runs	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	181	126	96	1	+35.57
W Carson	127	94	84	1	-122.58
M Roberts	120	116	78	3	-11.96
R Cochrane	117	96	87	2	+110.22
S Cauthen	104	96	52	2	-199.59
M Birch	92	88	77	19	-137.13
W R Swinburn	83	76	68	15	-178.19
J Reid	75	82	88	15	+2.44
G Duffield	75	68	71	4	-268.95

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3.0 RAINWORTH APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,279: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

2	(2)	500000	PAMPERED DREAM 28 (B) (R Cox) A Bailey 9-7	G Athanasiou (5)	—
5	(19)	330032	T CATTY 11 (Fus Circle Plc) N Tinkler 9-3	Julie Bowker	86
6	(18)	400003	NASDAROVYE 6 (A Hodge) D Thom 9-1	J Quinn	91
7	(14)	320063	BAMBOLERO 14 (F Warren) P Makin 9-1	T Sprake	92
8	(5)	003005	MACKENZIES 8 (T

FOOTBALL: TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR'S STOCK TAKES ANOTHER TUMBLE IN EAST ANGLIA AS GASCOIGNE AGAIN FAILS TO COME UP TO MARKET VALUATION

Norwich hand out lessons in effort and opportunism

By David Miller

Norwich..... 3
Tottenham Hotspur..... 1

Saturday's result justified Tuesday's vote. The chairmen of the second division and lower first division who toppled Philip Carter had rightly wished to demonstrate that the likes of Spurs have no exclusive superiority over such as Norwich when it comes to negotiating television fees. Superiority, yes: but not exclusivity.

It was once written of Alf Ramsey, unfairly, that he mistrusted genius unless it came dripping in sweat. Twenty years on, Norwich epitomize Ramsey's supposed preference. They are inheritors of that transformation which his tactical perception brought to football, for better or worse, by which it became possible for teams to exceed the sum of the individual parts.

Tottenham at present have no genius and, at times at Carrow Road in front of Norwich's largest crowd of the season so far, not enough sweat. Their brightness of the first half-hour had neither perseverance nor depth, even if Waddle did scare the pants off the home team for a while.

Norwich commendably lead the first division with a team whose individuals will be remembered primarily by their mothers and admiring sons, and by their manager, Dave Stringer, rather than the history books. They are a beacon to selfless, collective effort, elevated by the intelligence of Phelan, their captain, and the opportunism of Rosario and Fleck. They taught Tottenham's multi-million pound team a lesson in sustained application.

It is not Gascoigne's fault, of course, that he is priced at the value of a small jet aeroplane. That is a reflection of Tottenham's greed for success. Yet the sooner Gascoigne realizes that someone else's money is no proof of greatness, that such recognition has to be earned every minute of every match, the sooner he may start fully to justify the expectations heaped upon him.

Norwich's midfield quartet of Gordon, Crook, Phelan and Townsend were such a hive of industry that there were moments when Gascoigne was anonymously pedestrian. On one occasion in the second half, he gave his full back, Thomas, a through pass and, instead of supporting Thomas's run, stood watching with his hands on hips while Thomas was pursued and finally smothered by four scurrying yellow shirts.

Until Rosario, climbing high above the defence to meet Gordon's corner kick, headed Norwich in front just after the half hour, it had seemed Spurs might start to repair the early-season damage and last week's punitive deduction of points by the management committee. But yet, in front of a defence so suspect that not even the sweeper system built around Fenwick could compensate, the early promise faded. We saw none of Gascoigne's alleged capacity to thrust into scoring positions.

When Fleck, unmarked, knocked in Norwich's second a minute before half-time, Spurs were in real trouble. Fairclough came up early in the second half to put them back in the match with a stabbed shot from the edge of the penalty area, but Norwich regained their two-goal lead when no one was on hand to pick up their centre half, Linighan, as he made a long run to get on to the end of another corner from Gordon. It will take a long, hard fight, with the kind of team spirit displayed by Norwich, for Tottenham to pull out of this slump.

NORWICH: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, A Linighan, I Crook, D Gordon, R Fleck, R Rosario, M Phelan, A Townsend.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Mimms; G Stevens, M Thomas, T Fenwick, C Fairclough, G Mabbutt, I Stewart, P Gascoigne, C Waddle, V Samways, P Allen.
Referee: K Hackett (Sheffield).

Out of favour

Norwich City, Millwall and Coventry City, the top three teams in the first division, are not included in the ITV live football schedule for the next two months. The ITV football programme, confirmed yesterday, is:

Oct 30: Everton v Manchester United; Nov 6: Nottingham Forest v Arsenal; Nov 20: Sheffield Wednesday v Tottenham; Nov 27: Newcastle v Manchester United or West Ham v Everton; Dec 4: Arsenal v Liverpool; Dec 11: Liverpool v Everton; Dec 27: Manchester United v Nottingham Forest or Aston Villa v Queen's Park Rangers; Jan 1: Manchester United v Liverpool.



Opportunists: Norwich marksmen, Rosario and Fleck, celebrate after Fleck had sent Tottenham two down at Carrow Road

Influential absentee is hardly missed

By Nicholas Harling

Arsenal..... 2
Queen's Park Rangers.. 1

By achieving without Paul Davis what they had not managed to accomplish with him, Arsenal added substance to their challenge for the League title. But even if their first home League victory of the season was a close-run thing and not entirely deserved, Arsenal will be happy enough to emulate the feat during the remaining eight matches that Davis will sit out because of his suspension.

For a long time, though, it seemed that there was not to be life or success without the absentee, well though Richardson played in his place. So enmeshed did Arsenal become in the intricate web of Queen's Park Rangers defensive organization during the first half that it was not so much a case of total football on the visitors' part as total confusion on Arsenal's.

It was hardly surprising, in the circumstances, that George Graham should find reason to applaud so many opposing performances: Parker and Maddix for their marking of Merson and Smith respectively, plus Seaman for his heroics in goal. McDonald, the sweeper, might also have been praised for the manner in which he shored up a defence that had showed no signs of leaking until, as Graham said, Arsenal "upped the tempo" in the second half.

Whatever Graham said during the interval, it had the desired effect. Seaman's save from Bould and two to defy Merson, attested to Arsenal's increased urgency, which had originated largely from the ease with which Marwood escaped to cross.

Rangers demonstrated their ability to counter-attack more than once. The cunning of Francis combined with Falco's capacity for losing his marker had already brought one near thing before Falco lost Bould again after Francis had whipped over a low cross.

Arsenal's response was the stuff of prospective champions. Marwood's corner, flicked on by Bould, led to Adams lunging in for the equalizer. Just when Rangers thought they had a point, Groves flicked on Marwood's cross for Smith to score the winner.

"A lot of our players grew up today," Graham said. "They learnt more from this than if they had won the game easily."

ARSENAL: J Lukic; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, D Rocastle, K Richardson, A Smith, P Merson (sub: P Groves), B Marwood.
QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: D Seaman; S Barker, M Allen, P Parker, A McDonald, D Maddix, M Falco, T Francis (sub: D Kanslaka), W Fereday, M Stein, K Brock.
Referee: D Vickers.

West Ham conquer by daring

By Vince Wright

West Ham United..... 2
Newcastle United..... 0

In a rapidly changing world, it is reassuring to know that some things stay the same. West Ham, for instance, can be relied upon to put entertainment first, even in the most trying circumstances.

Bottom of the table before Saturday and without a home victory in the League this season, they could have been excused for sacrificing some of their style for a more expedient approach. But they were never less than fluent and often brilliantly inventive and daring. Newcastle were none of these things and only some marvellously agile goalkeeping by Beasant saved them from a heavier defeat. As it is, this result demotes them to last place in the first division.

The match ended on a controversial note. With the ball about 30 yards away, O'Neill, the Newcastle midfield player, emerged from a collision with Ince with a broken nose. When the final whistle went, about 15 seconds later, a dazed O'Neill had to be helped from the field. Neither the referee nor his linesmen saw anything untoward.

The return of Martin and Stewart, having his first senior outing of the season, gave such stability to West Ham's defence that McKnight, the goalkeeper, was extended only in the last minute. West Ham's midfield, with Ward in irrepressible form, passed and inter-changed with bewildering speed and accuracy while the intelligent running of the front two, Slater and Kelly, created a number of chances.

Newcastle had more brawn than brain and there were bookings for Jackson and Bogie (fouls) and O'Neill (dissent). The plight of Newcastle worsened when Thorn and McCreery went off injured and only Beasant and the occasional sleight of foot from Mirandinha kept them afloat.

Devonshire's quickly taken free kick led to West Ham going ahead after 57 minutes. The first shot by Dickens was turned aside by Beasant but Dickens put away the rebound. With eight minutes remaining Beasant floored Slater in the area and Stewart, a crack marksman from the penalty spot, duly converted.

WEST HAM UNITED: A McKnight; R Stewart, J Dicks, A Gale, A Martin, A Devonshire (sub: K Keen), M Ward, D Kelly, S Slater, A Dickens, P Ince.
NEWCASTLE UNITED: D Beasant; J Anderson, B Tinnion, D McCreery (sub: J Robertson), K Scott, A Thorn (sub: I Bogie), P Stephenson, J Hendrie, Mirandinha, D Jackson, M O'Neill.
Referee: A Gunn.

Rush falls prey to error in hunt for predatory touch

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Liverpool..... 0
Coventry City..... 0

Ian Rush is finding himself wearing the strait-jackets that he imagined were designed only in Italy. He had grown accustomed at Juventus to being restricted by two men, one a marker who stuck to him wherever he went and the other a sweeper who hovered in the background like a distant shadow.

In spite of his extraordinary speed, Rush's only method of escaping from his claustrophobic experiences was to leave his adopted country. But he has returned home to discover that the English clubs he once pierced so regularly are increasingly adopting the Continental system to defend themselves.

In Coventry City's effective version, Rodger acted as the limpet and Peake assumed the covering role. "It worked so well during the Newcastle game that we thought we'd use it again," Peake said. "Besides, we've tried every other system here and we've usually been hammered so we had nothing to lose."

And everything to win — for the first time in their history at Anfield — since Rush is not yet at his strongest and Liverpool were potentially at their weakest for decades. But even to survive on Saturday, the club lying third in the first division needed to be accompanied closely by fortune.

Rodger was lucky, for instance, not to be penalized for clearly pulling Rush away from Houghton's cross in the first half. Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool manager, was conscious that he had to be verbally as restrained as physically the Welshman had been. "We are not supposed to say anything about referees," he said.

"But, in general terms, if they don't come up to standard, they deserve to be criticized. If we can't express opinions, what is the point of holding Press conferences?" Nevertheless, he preferred to keep to himself his thoughts about Rush's worryingly prolonged sequence without a League goal.

In spite of losing a goalkeeper, a left back, three central defenders and two powerful midfield players, Liverpool are still adequately secure at the back. The obvious aerial flaw was uncovered by Regis, Speedie and the diminutive Gynn but Coventry could not penetrate them from the ground.

Burrows, in a week during which he made his England under-21 debut and left West Bromwich Albion for £500,000, was introduced at left back. Even though he had trained only once with his new colleagues, his natural composure and competence carried him through a potentially unnerving afternoon.

Until Liverpool's casualties recover (Hansen could do so within a month), they must rely more heavily on an attack which is less potent than usual. In the last nine games they have scored a dozen times, a record which Rush embarrassingly failed to improve in the second half.

Genuinely free for the only time, he turned Barnes's cross wide of a post on which he could have lent for support. Has his predatory instinct been irreparably damaged in the last 15 months? He claimed 23 goals a season on average before he went to Juventus.

Dalglish believes that "we'll keep plodding on and we won't be far away at the end". But he is trusting in a forward who can be confined by defenders because, temporarily at least, he is mentally locked inside a prison that is as substantial as the walls which surround Molby.

LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; B Venison, G Ablett, S Nicol, R Whelan, D Burrows, P Beardsley, K MacDonald, I Rush, J Barnes, R Houghton.
COVENTRY CITY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, G Downs, S Sedgley, G Rodger, T Peake, M Gynn, D Speedie, C Regis, G Bannister, D Smith.
Referee: G Aplin.

Replacements will take time to learn the Wimbledon way

By Clive White

Wimbledon..... 1
Manchester United..... 1

A visit to Plough Lane these days is not what it used to be. There was a time, not so long ago, when visiting defenders could be seen quaking in their boots even before the aerial bombardment had begun. This season that fear is receding; Wimbledon are in danger of becoming hospitable.

The absence of Fashanu would seem the logical explanation for Wimbledon's inability to overwhelm Manchester United on Saturday, except that Wimbledon lost their first three home games of the season in the presence of the same player. The loss of Beasant and Thorn has hurt them as much as many outsiders feared and the indoctrination of their replacements into the Wimbledon way of playing is taking time.

In trying to improve Wimbledon's disgraceful disciplinary record (which unjustly suffered a setback with three bookings in this match) Bobby Gould, the manager, may have unintentionally doused the team's spirit, which he conceded was lacking.

He would be wrong, though, in his assertion that its regeneration would emanate from Sam Hammam, the chairman. The players are more likely to rediscover that special camaraderie in spite of Hammam rather than because of him.

The recent purchase of Curle for a club record fee of £500,000 from Reading has done little to appease the more senior players who want to see the rest of the £2 million received in transfers gaining interest on the field rather than in the bank.

Just how much of an acquisition is the little-known Curle remains to be seen, since he did not make his debut until the 81st minute and then only as a right winger. However, in that brief introduction to the first division he revealed a turn of foot which Wimbledon's defence could have done with nearly an hour earlier.

In one of several explosive first-half moments from Hughes, the United forward showed that Wimbledon do not have the copyright on aggression and skill. Tearing himself free of Scales's clutches with a wayward elbow which vitally delayed the Wimbledon defender, Hughes broke clear to beat Segers with a piece of ruthless finishing.

United looked about as comfortably in control as it is possible to be at Plough Lane. Their defence was relatively untroubled while Hughes was in the sort of mood where one half expects him to sprout horns and impale the nearest defender to the crossbar.

Considering United's state of health it was some achievement. But it could not last. Without half a team because of injury before kick-off, they were further depleted in the second half as Strachan and Davenport failed to finish a match they should never have started. Their substitutions, though, seemed to leave United in a worse state.

Innocents like Robins and Beardsmore were clearly not ready for the likes of Wimbledon, even this Wimbledon, while Sharpe, another Ferguson babe, began to tire from his promising first-half exertions along United's left flank.

The 76th minute equalizer was more like the old Wimbledon, Wise's darting run and header applying the finishing touch to a cross by Cork. That, more than anything, will have given United food for thought until they run the gauntlet again at Plough Lane in the Littlewoods Cup next week.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph (sub: C Fairweather), A Clement, V Jones, E Young, J Scales, G Brooks (sub: K Curle), A Cork, R Turner, L Sanchez, D Wise.
MANCHESTER UNITED: J Leighton; C Blackmore, L Sharpe, S Bruce, W Garton, M Duxbury, B Robson, G Strachan (sub: P Beardsmore), B McClair, M Hughes, P Davenport (sub: M Robins).
Referee: A Seville.

Last laugh goes to Millwall

By David Powell

Millwall..... 2
Nottingham Forest..... 2

Millwall brought comic-strip adventure to The Den on Saturday but there was hardly the need to invent any. Before the match a local theatre company began its season on sketches caricaturing Millwall players. An hour and a half later the fantasy hero, Leonard of the Lions, must have felt his role was being challenged by the real-life performers in blue.

The first division newcomers' finale against Nottingham Forest succeeded where all comic strips fail: the recovery was entirely unexpected. Two goals in the last 14 minutes preserved the League's last unbeaten run, headers both, after Walker and Foster had looked in command.

The supply of high balls to Cascarino and Sheringham had been picked off without alarm by the Forest central defensive pairing. Walker in particular had looked every bit the England player he was last Wednesday. Millwall gave the impression of being dominant but rarely looked likely to score. For all their bricks and cement, they had no paint; when Forest controlled possession, they measured up as a stately home.

In first-half injury-time, Hodge scored his first League goal since his return from Tottenham. If his lob over Horne was partly mistimed, after Crosby's cross had been knocked on by Chapman, his second goal, two minutes after the interval, was perfectly driven out of the reach of the Millwall goalkeeper. Clough, with delicate touch, neatly played him into position.

Sutton twice proved equal to fierce drives by Hurlock but, as Hodge narrowly missed his third goal with a header, Millwall, with the injured Wood replaced by Salman in the middle of the back four, began to look the more vulnerable. A second substitution turned events, however.

Even after Hurlock's free kick had been headed in by Sheringham, Forest seemed capable of achieving only their second League win of the season. But gone are the days when a crowd of nearly 17,000 in the Isle of Dogs means the field of the London marathon is passing through and their vociferous support was rewarded.

Five minutes from the end, Sheringham, who had moved to the right to take up Lawrence's place, crossed and Ruddock, who had been brought on with a quarter of an hour remaining, headed in.

"Their style is difficult to play against," John Docherty, the Millwall manager, said. "They try to catch you on the break, not that they caught us many times. Their keeper made some great saves and if one of them had gone in it might have been a different story."

MILLWALL: B Horne; K Stevens, I Dawes, T Hurlock, S Wood (sub: D Salman), A McLeary, G Lawrence (sub: N Ruddock), L Briley, E Sheringham, A Cascarino, K O'Callaghan.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; S Chettle, S Pearce, D Walker, C Foster, S Hodge, G Crosby, N Webb, N Clough, L Chapman, T Gaynor.
Referee: D Hedges.

City sink to the occasion

By Ian Ross

Manchester City..... 0
Birmingham City..... 0

Manchester City do not believe in half-measures. When they entertain they do so on a grand scale, as demonstrated in a recent Littlewoods Cup tie when they scored six times against Plymouth Argyle. But they are also apt to disappoint.

Having lost one of their previous nine League games, their promotion challenge seemed likely to be sustained against Birmingham City and a healthy crowd assembled on a pleasant afternoon to watch what seemed likely to be a mismatch.

But City, who became frustrated by their failure to overrun a team which contains the least successful defence in the second division, produced a mediocre performance.

The highlight of a game which was to worsen progressively thereafter, came in the first minute when City squandered an opportunity to score. But when Biggins, who was well-placed, lobbed the ball into the hands of Thomas, the Birmingham goalkeeper, he set the tone for an afternoon of indiscipline and comical errors.

The first half was so poor, so lacking in play of any quality that no one could have been blamed for leaving at the interval.

Birmingham, as their League position suggests, are a poor side but this unexpected moral victory could prove to be a turning-point in their season. Had the introduction of the subsitute, Sturridge, not been delayed until the 73rd minute, they might even have won. His single-minded approach and pace ensured that the visitors finished the stronger team.

MANCHESTER CITY: A Dibble; N Gleghorn (sub: M Seagraves), A Hinchcliffe, B Gayle, W Biggins, S Redmond, D White, P Moulden (sub: I Brightwell), T Morley, N McNab, P Lake.
BIRMINGHAM CITY: M Thomas; B Roberts, J Frain, I Atkins, V Overson, D Peer, D Bremner, G Childs (sub: S Sturridge), C Richards, C Robinson, S Wigley.
Referee: F Roberts.

One under the eight

Dundela, from the east side of Belfast, is the only junior club to qualify for the quarter-final stages of the League Cup, sponsored by Roadferry (George Ace writes). They defeated a fellow-B division side, Brantwood, 2-0 away from home. The quarter-final draw will be on Friday.

Ron Manley continued his impressive form for Glentoran with four goals against hapless Omagh Town. But it was not all wine and roses for the League and Cup holders when they knocked the juniors for six. A hairline heel fracture has ruled out Barnie Bowers for at least a month.

Three goals in extra time, two from the penalty spot by McBride to make it three in all for him, enabled Glenavon to defeat Ards 5-2 after Woodhead had squared the match at 2-2 in the 87th minute. And Portadown booked a quarter final spot at the expense of Coleraine, winning 3-1 on penalties.

France's draw helps Scotland

Nicosia (Reuter) — Scotland's hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals were assisted by the 76th-minute penalty from Pittas which gave Cyprus a 1-1 draw with France here. France had gone ahead through Xuereb in the 44th minute.

News of Cyprus's unexpected equalizer, which followed a foul by Amoros on Kandilos, will be as gratefully received in Yugoslavia, the other group five contenders, as in Scotland.

Halifax's award

The four goals by Halifax Town at Doncaster Rovers on Friday night have earned them the vote from Bobby Robson and his panel as the Barclays performance of the week. A local boys' club will receive the £650 prize.

Southampton make history

Southampton yesterday fielded three brothers in a first division line-up for the first time in the League since the Second World War. Rodney and Raymond Wallace, twins aged 19, joined their brother, Danny, aged 24, in the side at home to Sheffield Wednesday.

Raymond Stein, at full back, was making his League debut behind his brothers, both forwards. But a sixtieth-minute header by David Reeves consigned the home team to a 2-1 defeat. Derek Statham had put Southampton ahead in the fortieth minute with a penalty only for Wednesday to equalize four minutes later through Varadi.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League
First division

Arsenal	2	QPR	1
Aston Villa	2	Everton	5
Derby	0	Charlton	0
Liverpool	0	Coventry	0
Middlesbro	2	Luton	1
Millwall	2	Nottm For	2
Norwich	3	Tottenham	1
Southampton	1	Sheff Wed	2
West Ham	2	Newcastle	0
Wimbledon	1	Man Utd	1

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norwich	8	3	1	1	9	7	3	3	0	6	2	19
Millwall	8	3	1	0	8	5	1	3	0	7	4	16
Coventry	8	1	1	2	5	5	3	1	0	5	1	14
Arsenal	7	1	1	1	6	5	3	0	1	12	5	13
Sheffield W	7	3	0	1	6	3	1	1	1	3	4	13
Liverpool	8	1	2	1	3	3	2	1	1	7	3	12
Man Utd	7	2	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	5	4	12
Middlesbro	8	3	0	1	5	4	1	0	3	5	8	12
Aston Villa	9	1	3	1	6	5	1	2	1	7	7	11
Southampn	8	2	1	2	5	6	1	1	1	4	6	11
Everton	8	2	1	1	9	4	1	1	3	3	6	10
QPR	9	2	1	2	5	4	1	1	3	4	6	10
Charlton	9	0	3	2	5	12	2	1	1	8	5	10
Notts For	8	0	3	0	2	2	1	3	1	7	6	9
Derby	8	2	1	2	3	7	0	2	1	1	2	9
Luton	8	1	1	1	3	4	1	1	3	4	5	8
Wimbledon	8	1	1	3	4	9	1	1	1	3	3	8
West Ham	9	1	1	2	5	9	1	0	4	2	9	7
Tottenham	7	1	1	1	7	7	0	3	1	6	8	5
Newcastle	8	0	1	2	2	7	1	1	3	4	11	5

Second division

Barnsley	2	Ipswich	0
Brighton	2	Oldham	0
Chelsea	5	Plymouth	0
C Palace	3	Hull	1
Leeds	1	Leicester	1
Man City	0	Birmingham	1
Oxford Utd	1	Blackburn	1
Stoke	2	Watford	0
Sunderld	4	Swindon	0
Walsall	1	Portsmth	1
West Brom	1	Bradford	0

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	11	4	1	0	13	6	3	2	1	9	5	24
Watford	12	4	1	1	12	5	3	1	2	8	7	23
Man City	12	3	2	1	10	8	3	1	2	7	5	21
Ipswich	11	3	1	1	8	5	3	1	2	9	7	20
Chelsea	12	3	1	2	12	7	2	3	1	8	5	19
Portsmouth	12	4	1	1	13	6	1	3	2	8	11	19
Barnsley	12	3	2	1	9	5	2	2	2	8	9	19
C Palace	11	3	2	1	11	6	2	3	1	7	7	17
WBA	12	2	2	2	5	4	2	3	1	5	5	17
Oxford	12	3	3	0	11	6	1	2	3	9	16	17
Leicester	12	3	2	1	7	4	1	3	2	8	11	17
Bradford	12	3	2	1	6	3	1	2	3	5	8	16
Swindon	11	2	3	0	8	3	1	3	2	6	11	15
Sunderland	11	3	3	0	11	5	0	2	3	2	7	14
Hull	12	1	4	1	4	5	2	1	3	9	16	14
Plymouth	11	3	1	1	10	3	1	1	4	4	15	14
Stoke	12	2	3	1	7	5	1	2	3	4	10	14
Walsall	11	2	3	1	11	5	0	4	1	2	4	13
Oldham	12	2	3	1	13	9	1	0	5	5	14	12
Bournemth	11	2	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	3	9	12
Leeds	11	3	2	1	5	6	0	2	3	2	6	11
Shrewsbury	11	0	3	3	4	11	1	2	3	3	6	8
Brighton	11	2	0	4	5	8	0	1	4	4	10	7
Birmingham	11	1	0	4	9	15	1	1	4	1	13	7

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 3, Dagenham 3; Hayes 2, Bromley 1; Herndon 1, Leyton-Wingate 1; Leytonstone/Ilford 3, Bishop's Stortford 2; St Albans 1, Windsor and Eton 0; Slough 3, Wokingham 0. First division: Boreham Wood 2, Walton and Hersham 0; Chelfont St Peter 0, Hitchin 2; Hampton 0, Bracknell 0; Lewes 6, Collier Row 0; Worthing 0, Kingsbury 3. Second division north: Aveley 1, Letchworth 1; Barton 2, Royston 1; Clapton 3, Purfleet 0; Harlow 1, Berkhamsted 4; Hemel Hempstead 2, Rainham 1; Hertford 2, Tring 0; Hornchurch 2, Heybridge 2; Saffron Walden 1, Vauxhall Motors 2; Stevenage 1, Tilbury 1; Witham 1, Billericay 1; Wolverton 0, Wivenhoe 1. Second division south: Chertsey 2, Banstead 0; Eastbourne United 5, Maidenhead United 2; Flackwell Heath 1, Horsham 1; Hassfield 2, Yeading 0; Hungerford 0, Whyteleafe 1; Molesey 0, Ruislip Manor 0; Peversfield 0, Feltham 1; Southall 0, Camberley 2.

SURREY SENIOR CUP: Second round: Frimley Green 0, Dorking 5; Egham 3, Chobham 0.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP: Bedfont 2, Welwyn Garden City 2.

Third division

Aldershot	0	Huddersfld	1
Blackpool	3	Port Vale	2
Bolton	1	Wolves	2
Brentford	0	Preston	2
Bristol R	4	Chester	1
Gillingham	3	Bury	4
Mansfield	2	Cardiff	2
Northptn	1	Bristol C	3
Notts Co	3	Reading	3
Sheff Utd	2	Wigan	1
Southend	3	Chesterfld	1
Swansea	2	Fulham	0

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield U	10	5	0	0	13	3	3	0	2	10	7	24
Port Vale	11	4	0	1	10	4	3	2	1	11	7	23
Wolves	11	3	2	0	8	5	3	1	2	13	10	21
Swansea	10	3	2	1	8	7	3	0	1	6	4	20
Mansfield	11	3	3	0	11	7	1	3	1	3	3	18
Bristol R	11	4	1	1	13	7	1	2	1	7	10	18
Bristol C	11	2	1	2	7	7	3	2	1	7	5	18
Preston	11	3	1	1	9	5	2	2	2	6	4	18
Fulham	11	3	2	0	10	4	2	0	4	10	12	17
Bury	10	3	1	1	10	5	2	1	3	9	11	17
Reading	11	3	1	1	10	5	2	1	3	9	11	17
Huddersfld	11	3	1	1	8	3	2	0	4	4	10	16
Chester	11	3	2	0	9	3	1	2	3	10	10	16
Bolton	11	3	2	1	13	7	1	1	3	5	8	15
Brentford	11	3	1	2	8	7	1	1	3	6	9	14
Blackpool	11	2	3	2	10	9	1	1	2	5	6	13
Northptn	11	3	0	3	13	8	1	2	2	5	9	12
Notts Co	11	3	1	1	8	5	1	1	3	6	12	12
Southend	11	3	2	1	11	5	0	1	4	4	14	12
Wigan	10	2	2	1	5	3	0	2	4	7	12	9
Gillingham	11	1	0	5	7	12	1	1	3	5	6	7
Cardiff	9	1	1	2	7	6	0	3	2	3	12	7
Chesterfld	11	1	0	4	3	11	1	0	5	2	19	6
Aldershot	11	1	1	4	5	10	0	1	4	4	16	5

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Caernarfon 1, Gateshead 1; Frickley 0, Witton 1; Horwich 2, Southport 5; Marine 0, Barrow 0; Morecambe 1, Bangor 2; Mossley 2, Shepshed 1; Rhyl 1, Hyde 2. First division: Accrington 1, Congleton 0; Bishop Auckland 3, Winsford 1; Curzon Ashton 5, Alfreton 1; Droylsden 1, Colne Dynamoes 1; Eastwood Hanley 2, Lancaster 7; Farsley 1, Irlam 1; Leek 1, Workington 0; Newtown 3, Harrogate 1; Whitley Bay 2, Sutton Town 0.

SKOL NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth 1, South Bank 1; Billingham 1, Spennymoor 0; Crook 2, Seaham Red Star 0; Newcastle Blue Star 2, Billingham Synthonia 1; Tow Law 2, Chester-le-Street 1; Whitby 1, Durham 2.

Fourth division

Burnley	2	Leyton O	2
Exeter	3	Carlisle	0
Grimsby	2	York	0
Hartlepool	0	Crewe	3
Lincoln	3	Darlngtn	2
Peterboro	2	Hereford	1
Rochdale	1	Scunthorpe	0
Scarboro	1	Stockport	1
Torquay	1	Rotherham	2
Wrexham	3	Tranmere	3

	HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotherham	11	2	2	1	9	4	4	1	1	11	3	21
Burnley	11	5	1	0	16	3	1	2	2	3	7	21
Scarboro	11	2	4	0	12	8	3	1	1	13	7	20
Rochdale	11	4	1	1	8	5	2	1	2	9	10	20
Crewe	11	4	1	1	8	5	2	1	2	7	8	18
Lincoln	11	3	2	1	10	7	2	1	2	7	6	17
Chesterfld	11	4	0	1	12	7	2	0	4	8	12	15
Exeter	11	4	1	1	14	6	1	1	3	5	9	17
Doncaster	11	3	1	2	10	11	2	0	3	3	7	16
Wrexham	11	7	4	1	18	9	2	2	1	9	9	15
Tranmere	11	2	1	2	4	4	1	5	0	7	6	15
Scunthorpe	11	2	2	1	5	5	2	1	3	6	8	15
Hereford	11	3	0	2	9	8	2	0	4	3	12	13
Torquay	11	4	0	2	9	4	1	0	4	5	12	15
Hartlepool	11	3	1	1	7	10	1	0	4	5	12	13
Halifax	11	2	1	2	14	9	2	1	3	12	13	14
Peterboro	11	3	3	1	12	8	1	0	4	5	8	15
Leyton O	11	3	1	1	14	3	0	3	3	3	10	13
York	11	2	1	2	12	10	2	0	4	2	13	13
Stockport	11	1	3	1	4	3	1	1	3	2	7	9	12
Grimsby	11	2	1	2	7	7	1	1	3	6	10	12
Colchester	11	2	0	4	7	9	1	2	2	4	13	11
Carlisle	11	1	2	2	5	8	0	3	3	8	13

Gymkhana topple Southgate

Indian Gymkhana gained unexpected riches by defeating Southgate 1-0 in the Poundstretcher National League at Feltham yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). A goal by Daved from a penalty stroke in the sixth minute put Indian Gymkhana ahead and from then on they surpassed the national club champions for speed and enterprise. They had eight short corners in the first half to Southgate's one.

Southgate were without Batchelor, Dodds and Clift, but nothing can detract from the merit of Gymkhana's victory.

Only two clubs, Hounslow and Havant, emerged from this weekend's congestion of fixtures with full points from three matches played since the league started on October 15.

Hounslow achieved a 4-0 victory on Saturday over Isca, Thompson scoring the first three goals and Parmi Soor adding the fourth, and yesterday they defeated Slough 4-1, Nick Gordon (2) and Thompson (2) scoring for Hounslow, Kehar for Slough.

Havant, however, struggled to beat Isca 1-0 yesterday, Seabrook scoring in the 67th minute. Playing on their own artificial turf pitch for the first time on Saturday, they achieved a 2-0 win over Wakefield. Teddington's 1-0 win over East Grinstead yesterday enabled them to remain unbeaten. They defeated Stourport 3-2 on Saturday, McGuire scoring the winning goal from a penalty stroke in the last minute. The remaining goals were scored for Teddington by Benzies and Barker, Knott and Evans replying for Stourport.

Old Leightonians kept their chances alive with a 2-0 victory yesterday over Warrington. On Saturday they defeated Cambridge City 4-2.

HOCKEY

Busy Bilson a headache at right, left and centre

By Sydney Friskin

Teddington 1
East Grinstead 0

Teddington were rewarded for their hard work with a victory over East Grinstead in the Poundstretcher National League at Feltham yesterday.

This is not to say that East Grinstead were less industrious, but their front line seemed lost without its regular centre forward, van Asselt. He had scored many goals over the past few years but he is out of action with knee trouble an effective replacement has not yet been found.

Teddington built their success around McGuire's cool authority in midfield and the firmness of Riley in defence. But the prize for enterprise must go to Bilson, who covered a lot of ground, starting the match on the right wing, then moving to the left, and finishing the match in the middle, always doing much to trouble the opposing defence.

For East Grinstead, Richard Leman, an Olympic gold medal winner, at centre half, tried his best to marshal his forces around him. His brother, James, made several promising dashes down the left wing and Head made considerable progress on the right. But there was no one in the middle to profit.

East Grinstead started with the rush through the middle and earned a short corner within 10 seconds. Nothing came of it and they squandered four more of these awards before Teddington scored from their first short corner in the 25th minute. After a brief tussle at the top of the circle, the ball was cleverly worked towards McGuire who scooped it high into the net.

A through pass by Richard Leman set up a chance for Head just before half time but Meredith judiciously ran out and kicked the ball away before he could shoot. The pace quickened in the second half as Teddington tried as vigorously to improve on their advantage as East Grinstead did to redress the balance but in the end Teddington were seen attacking more strongly.

TEDDINGTON: G Meredith; C Cawburn, M Riley, P Smith, P McGuire, I Lang, A Bilson, J Royce, R Benzies, N Barker, T Walker.
EAST GRINSTEAD: D Luckes (sub: D Payne); P Wallis, D Mullins, A Locke, R Leman, M Thompson, P Head, N Hayes, C John, J Lee, J Leman.
Umpires: N Lockhart (Western Counties) and M Grimsdale (Southern Counties).

Guiding hand from Shaw

By Sydney Friskin

Southgate 3
Slough 0

John Shaw, an England and Great Britain inside forward who missed selection for the Olympic Games, superbly guided Southgate's fortunes from midfield in the Poundstretcher League match against Slough, at the New River Centre, Haringey, on Saturday.

Shaw's creative powers at centre half gave Southgate a sharper, more balanced look. In Slough's case, too much weight was carried on too few shoulders and none felt the burden more than Shaw's opposite number, Suti Khehar, a former England and Great Britain international.

Only two Olympic players were in action, Kerly at centre forward for Southgate and Barber at left back for Slough, Batchelor sitting it out on the bench and leaving Moulton to control Southgate's right wing.

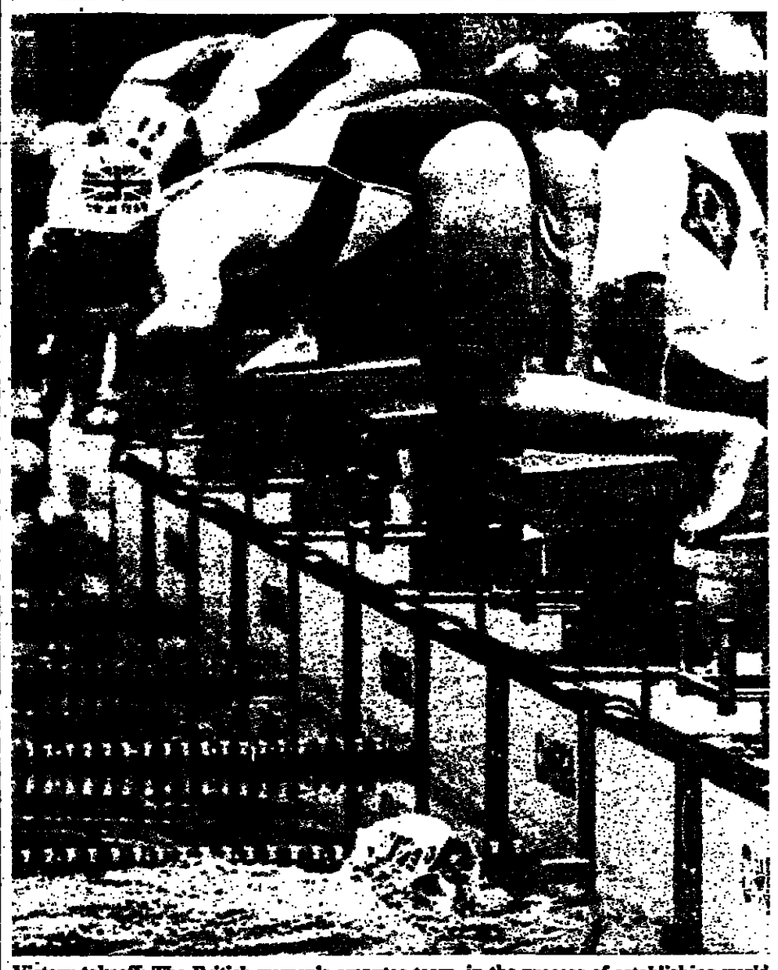
The talented young Jagdesh Barber appeared to be a little overawed alongside Kerly, who had a fair share of the day's drama. Apart from scoring the second goal, he was injured in the mouth after diving at the ball which eventually ran clear to Welch, who scored the third.

The overall tally of short corners was 7-6 in favour of Southgate, who converted the first of these awards in the ninth minute. Picken's original shot was saved by Clark and Moulton scored from the rebound. Moulton started the run which led to Southgate's second goal in the thirtieth minute but it was Shaw who slipped Kerly the final pass.

A frightful mix-up in the Slough defence 10 minutes into the second half led to Welch scoring Southgate's third goal after which Slough pushed up their work-rate though their cause was lost.

SOUTHGATE: S Rees; C Picken, P Boxall, M Donnelly, J Shaw, N Clark, P Moulton, Jagdesh Barber, S Kerly, F Hudson, R Welch.
SLOUGH: J Clark; P Dewsnap, P Barber, M Rose, S Khehar, C Felton (sub: S Partington), K Saini (sub: C Allcock), K Partington, C Maskery, W Farrar, A Cook.
Umpires: G Nash (Northern Counties) and L Allan (Southern Counties).

PARALYMPIC GAMES: WEEKEND TALLY OF 29 MEDALS LIFTS BRITISH TEAM TO THIRD POSITION



Victory takeoff: The British women's amputee team, in the process of establishing world records yesterday in both the freestyle and medley 4 x 100 metres relays at Seoul

Matthews not to be denied his third track gold

From a Special Correspondent, Seoul

In a fruitful weekend which lifted them into third team place in the awards table, British athletes won 29 medals at the Paralympics, which conclude today with the final event, the marathon race. The closing ceremony will follow in the evening at the Olympic stadium.

Bob Matthews, from Rochester, Kent, achieved his target of a track treble by winning the 1,500 metres race for the blind, adding to the gold medals won over 5,000 metres and 800 metres earlier last week. It was the fifth time he had accomplished this feat at a big championship.

Only the United States and West Germany have a higher medals tally than that of Britain: 58 gold, 62 silver and 46 bronze. Swimming accounted for 83 of those medals.

Yesterday, the women's amputee swim team of Diane Barr, Thelma Young, Joanne Round and Lynda Walters set world records in the 4 x 100 metres freestyle and the 4 x 100 metres medley relays.

The men's amputee team of Marc Woods, Peter Aldous, Dave Moreton and Paul Noble won two golds in the 4 x 100 metres freestyle and medley relays. The men's team also won a silver in the 4 x 50 metres medley relay and a bronze in the 4 x 50 metres freestyle. The blind women's team won bronze in the 4 x 100 metres relay.

Mike Kinney acquired his fourth gold on Saturday, winning the men's 50 metres freestyle for tetraplegics while Andrew Blake won gold in the 50 metres freestyle for paraplegics. Joanne Round and Paul Noble took silvers and David Moreton a bronze in the 200 metres individual medley swimming.

President Roh Tae Woo, of South Korea, attended the lawn bowling competition yesterday, where Ken Bridgeman took a gold and John Gronow earned a silver in the men's single paraplegic class. Hazel Randall won a bronze in the women's paraplegic competition.

Gold medals in athletics were won yesterday by Simon Butler in the 400 metres for the blind and Kerry Taylor in the wheelchair slalom for cerebral palsy. Silvers were won by Terry Hudson, Carol Johnstone and Norman Burns in the wheelchair slalom for cerebral palsy. Stephen Syndercombe won bronze in the 1,500 metres race for cerebral palsy. Jon Ward took bronze in the penthalon for the blind and Tanni Gray won bronze in the 400 metres wheelchair race.

On Saturday, while Matthews was winning his third track gold, Michael Walker set a new world record and picked up his fourth gold in the cerebral palsy discus throw and Paul Williams won gold and set a world record in the cerebral palsy discus. Deanne Coates took gold in the paraplegic rifle shooting contest.

GOLF: A COURSE WHERE IT PAYS TO STAY ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW

Amateur is just short of an upset

By a Correspondent, Paris

Jan Van de Velder, a French player, aged 22, who had begun to build a solid reputation for failing on his home circuit, sank a 12-foot birdie on the 18th green to win the inaugural £72,000 UAP Open at Le Prieure yesterday. It was a putt he had to make. After two fine blows on the 504-yard par five, the English amateur champion, Russell Claydon, was lying only inches further from the flag than the Frenchman.

"All afternoon I thought he was going to bottle it," Claydon said ruefully. "But in the end he made it." Claydon was never able to apply the pressure when it counted. He had cut the Frenchman's five-stroke overnight lead to one but at the sixth he was bunkered with no green to work with and dropped two shots. Three putts at the next for a bogey unwittingly provided comfort for a man who looked perfectly prepared to blow up.

Van de Velder made another stab at losing with three bogeys at the fifteenth but Claydon lost two shots at the same time. The £11,586 cheque was the biggest of the Frenchman's career.

Courtesy of Claydon's amateur status, Andrew Clapp who finished third, three shots further back, picked up £7,711.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 288: J Van De Velde (Fr), 71, 69, 70, 78. 288: *R Claydon (Eng), 72, 74, 69, 73. 288: A Clapp (Eng), 71, 72, 74, 72. 291: I Gervas (Sp), 69, 76, 70, 76. 293: P Baker (Eng), 75, 70, 73, 75; A Cotton (Eng), 74, 70, 71, 78. 294: P Evans (Wales), 73, 73, 71, 77. 295: M Davis (Eng), 76, 80, 69, 70. 296: S Hamill (Ire), 76, 75, 76, 71; D Jones (Eng), 73, 77, 72, 74. 297: M Jimenez (Sp), 70, 76, 75, 76; G Collinson (Scot), 70, 71, 79, 77.
* denotes amateur.

The Lincolnshire poachers

From Simon O'Hagan, Freeport, Grand Bahama

The Gainsborough professional, Gary Stafford, and his amateur partner, Paul Burgess, set a formidable standard when the Hennessy Cognac National Pro-Am championship final began here yesterday, their first round total of 62, 10 under par, leaving them four strokes clear of their nearest challengers.

The Emerald course, which can best be described as a tropical Wentworth, severely punishes any player who strays off the narrow fairways. The rough is not so much rough as a jungle, where the presence of snakes does not exactly encourage the search for lost balls. The leading pair, however, were never in any danger, from either snakes or their opponents.

Stafford, aged 26, was expected to be one of the tournament's leading lights; this year he has represented Britain and Ireland in the PGA Cup as well as completing all four rounds of the Open. In addition, he has the advantage of having played in last year's final here.

But the form of Burgess, aged 23, a physics student at Durham University, was the key to his team's success. It was the scores of the 12-handicap player that counted at nine of the holes, thanks mainly to a superb touch on and around the greens. Stafford's advice counted for a lot. That they never dropped a shot was down to teamwork as much as anything.

In second place are the Scottish pair of Russell Weir, the Cowal professional, and Sandy Sands. They picked up five strokes on the inward nine to finish on 66, six under par.

Weir, the 1987 and 1988 Club Professionals champion, and Stafford are reacquainting themselves after partnering each other during this year's PGA Cup.

Michael Barratt, the Pleasington amateur, who was injured in a road accident last week, played with a strapped arm, but still managed to help his professional, Ged Furey, to a 69.

FIRST ROUND (professional's name first): 62: Gainsborough (G Stafford and P Burgess). 66: Cowal (R Weir and A Sands). 68: Pleasington (F Furey and M Barratt). 70: Shirehampton Park (K Spurgeon and S Clapp); Launceston (J Tozar and M Rowe). 71: Girton (J Sharkey and P Pearson); Muswell Hill (I Roberts and K Lyons); Sheerness (P King and D Butler); Waterville (L Higgins and D Brosnanan); West Essex (C Cox and D Hancock). 72: Ashton in Makerfield (P Allan and D Mawdsley). 73: Lingdale (P Sellears and J Fowler). 74: Ludlow (G Farr and D Lemon) 75: Portsmouth (R Brown and R Wiggins) 76: Dalmahoy (B Anderson and A Robson) 77: Middlesbrough (D Jones and G Truselitt).

Lord leads by example in power-struggle

From a Correspondent, Boulogne

Michael Lord, the Conservative MP for Central Suffolk, a member of the Council of Europe, and a Cambridge rugby blue, added another achievement to his record yesterday, when he led the British Parliamentary Golf Society to victory against *its French counterpart.*

It was the first tournament between the Houses of Parliament and the French National Assembly, whose team included Gilbert Mitterand, son of the President. The match was played on the championship course at Hardelot, near Boulogne.

Lord scored 36 points in the team event, based on the best four individual scores from each team of 10 players. His performance won him a special trophy donated by the Prime Minister of France, Michel Rocard.

Lord maintained his form in the individual Stableford competition, with 39 points, two more than the best of the French, Gerard Vidal.

RESULTS: Team: Britain 126pts (M Lord 36, H Malins 33, J Powley 31, T Yeo 26). France 122 (X Humault 33, G Mitterand 32, Dr J Hebert 31, R Julien 26). Individual: M Lord (GB), 39pts, G Vidal (Fr), 37, O Tahon (Fr), 36. Scratch: P Cobb (GB), 32.

Norman just withstands Parry's rally

Sydney — (AP) Greg Norman scored his first tournament victory in over five months yesterday with a one-stroke win in the New South Wales Open. He frittered away a five-stroke lead before holding off the defending champion, Craig Parry.

Norman allowed Parry back into contention after taking a double bogey six at the par-four 376-yard eleventh.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (all Australian): 277: G Norman, 66, 69, 69, 73. 278: C Parry, 64, 70, 72, 72. 280: P Senior, 71, 73, 72, 64. 281: J Clifford, 72, 68, 70, 71; L Stephen, 64, 73, 73, 71.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan end hopes of a surprise

By Keith Macklin

With 56 minutes gone in the Lancashire Cup final at St Helens, Salford deservedly led Wigan, 9-8, before a crowd of 19,000 which was beginning to sense a surprise.

This seemed more than likely as Salford's Australian half back, Paul Shaw, repeatedly cut holes in the Wigan defence.

However, Salford lost possession at vital moments, Wigan were allowed to gather their wits, and a purple patch, in which they scored three tries, swept Wigan into an unassailable lead.

Salford then scored late tries from Bentley and Herbert to narrow the gap to 22-17 but these were no more than consolation scores with Herbert's try coming seconds before the hooter.

It might have been different if the goal-kicker, Peter Brown, the New Zealand international, had not been in such lamentable form. Brown, who otherwise had a strong game, missed five comfortable kicks at goal, several of them at important times.

Salford, tackling with spirit, disturbed Wigan's normally fluent attack for 30 minutes, and a penalty from Brown and a drop goal from Worrall gave them a 3-0 lead.

Salford missed several try-scoring opportunities through bad handling, and Wigan went ahead as Gregory made a try for Kevin Iro, who also scored two goals to give Wigan an 8-3 half-time lead.

Salford surprised Wigan by taking the lead with a try by Evans and a successful penalty from Brown, but Wigan stepped up into first gear with tries from Shelford, Kevin Iro again and Bell, with another goal from Iro, who thereby took his personal total to 14 points. Wigan thus took the cup for the fourth year in a row. Salford will take consolation in the potential their performance revealed.

In league matches, Castleford retained top place and their unbeaten record by beating Warrington 23-16, and St Helens scraped *into second place* with a 26-22 win at Oldham.

Widnes and Leeds came from behind to win. Wright scored three tries for Widnes in their 28-14 success at Wakefield, and Schofield got his eighth in four games as Leeds beat Hull Kingston Rovers 21-8.

In the second division, Leigh and Doncaster maintained their 100 per cent records with easy victories over Whitehaven and Mansfield.

● Swinton paid an undisclosed fee to sign the Widnes players, John Myler and Steve O'Neill, yesterday. The same pair had been valued at £65,000.

O'Neill will make his first appearance for Swinton against Keighley today but Myler is out of action with a damaged ankle.

GRUNHALLE LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP: Final: Salford 17, Wigan 22.

TOUR MATCH: Hastax 24, France 18.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 23, Warrington 16; Leeds 21, Hull KR 8; Oldham 22, St Helens 28; Wakefield 14, Widnes 28.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Castleford	7	6	1	0	185	81	13
St Helens	8	5	1	2	157	154	11
Widnes	7	5	0	2	191	81	10
Leeds	7	5	0	2	161	108	10
Salford	7	5	0	2	169	152	10
Wigan	7	4	0	3	172	130	8
Wakefield	8	3	1	4	125	180	7
Bradford N	7	3	0	4	181	151	6
Warrington	7	3	0	4	124	127	6
Featherstone	7	3	0	4	131	214	6
Halifax	7	2	0	5	81	118	4
Hull	7	2	0	5	92	145	4
Hull KR	8	2	0	6	127	193	4
Oldham	8	1	1	6	157	200	3

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 28, Rochdale 8; Carlisle 30, Runcorn 10; Chorley 9, Bramley 25; Dewsbury 6, York 45; Fulham 61, Huddersfield 22; Leigh 58, Whitehaven 6; Mansfield 10, Doncaster 32; Sheffield 10, Batley 17; Swinton 43, Keighley 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leigh	8	8	0	0	288	111	16
Doncaster	6	6	0	0	236	99	12
Barrow	8	6	1	1	189	99	13
Bramley	8	6	0	2	207	116	12
Keighley	9	6	0	3	201	217	12
Swinton	9	5	1	3	245	172	11
Dewsbury	8	5	0	3	147	200	10
Batley	8	3	2	3	140	140	8
Whitehaven	8	3	0	4	149	154	6
Rochdale	8	4	0	4	194	219	8
York	7	3	1	3	151	102	7
Carlisle	8	3	1	4	145	128	7
Sheffield	6	3	1	4	120	119	7
Workington	7	3	0	4	146	142	6
Fulham	7	3	0	4	152	165	6
Chorley	9	2	0	7	124	186	4
Mansfield	8	2	0	6	116	188	4
Hunslet	7	1	0	6	84	144	2
Runcorn	8	1	0	7	105	252	2
Huddersfield	9	0	1	8	123	290	1

TABLE TENNIS

Resistance finally crumbles

By Richard Eaton

It took China 13 hours of team contests on three separate days before they finally got the better of England in the series sponsored by the Leeds Building Society.

Three televised matches a week ago all ended 2-2. And in the first of a 12-match series at Newcastle on Saturday, England surprisingly held the world's leading table tennis nation to three all.

Yesterday a marked acceleration in the Chinese pulse and in the pace of their play brought a dramatic change and a well deserved 6-0 victory at Bridlington.

Desmond Douglas, the England No. 1 and Alan Cooke, the English national champion, both had good wins on Saturday only to be outdone by Nicky Mason, the improving England No. 5. Mason was allowed a little rope early on by the world No. 14, Hui Jun, and used it to string him up 21-18, 9-21, 21-15.

Yesterday the buoyant Cooke had two match points at 20-18 in the third game before Hui Jun, a little fortunately, sneaked through 21-11, 16-21, 22-20 — a victory that changed the mood of the match.

Thereafter Chen Zhibin, the Scandinavian Open champion, and Wang Zheyi, the revelation of this Chinese team, showed how, with nimble footwork, overwhelming forehand attacks could be launched from almost anywhere.

There was a youthful silver lining for England. Michael O'Driscoll, aged 17, was given his first cap and did well.

BRIDLINGTON RESULTS: Wang Zheyi bt M O'Driscoll, 21-19, 21-18; Hui Jun bt A Cooke, 21-11 16-21, 22-20; Chen Zhibin bt D Douglas, 21-16, 21-19; Wang Zheyi bt Cooke, 21-12, 21-14; Fan Yin Yong bt Douglas, 21-12 21-17; Chen Zhibin bt O'Driscoll, 21-14 21-11. China 6, England 0.

NEWCASTLE RESULTS: Douglas bt Chen Zhibin, 21-23, 22-20, 21-12; Cooke lost to Wang Zheyi, 18-21, 16-21; N Mason bt Hui Jun, 21-18, 9-21, 21-15; Cooke bt Fran Yin Yong, 21-13, 21-15; Mason lost to Chen Zhibin, 8-21, 11-21; Douglas lost to Wang Zheyi, 15-21, 14-21. England 3, China 3.

YACHTING

America's Cup may be rerun on equal terms

By Barry Pickthall

A rematch of the farcical America's Cup last month, with San Diego Yacht Club forced to defend in a similar 90ft waterline yacht to Michael Fay's beaten New Zealand challenger, is one option now under consideration in the New York Supreme Court.

Royal Perth YC has joined New York YC in formally objecting to Dennis Conner's successful defence in a catamaran. They have been invited by Judge Cornwen Ciparick to take part in the discussions.

San Diego and its Sail America team chose to defend the America's Cup in a faster wing-sailed catamaran because of "time and budget considerations".

Later it was reported that two of the designers admitted they had the ability to design and construct a competitive monohull, and that San Diego received several outside offers to find and build 90ft waterline sloops.

Providing both sides agree to a multiple challenge, a rematch in 11 months would allow other challengers time to compete.

ATHLETICS

Rebels finish S Africa tour

Johannesburg — After a gap of 13 years, South Africa's best track and field athletes now know what international competition is all about and just how far their standards have slipped.

A team of 15 Americans ended a three-meeting, 10-day tour at Germiston, east of Johannesburg, at the weekend and now returns home to face rebuke from the athletes' association for breaking its sanctions policy.

South African records were broken during the tour in the shot, discus, pole vault and 110 metres hurdles and, according to the Americans' managers, a much stronger team will return to South Africa next April for a full tour.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ASHTEAD 10km road race: J James (Reading), 32:20. Veterans: G Taylor (Chelmsford RR), 35:42.

MATTERSEA PARK 5Ri CHIMNOY (10km road race): 1, R Corcoran (London RRC), 33:08; 2, M Guichard (Dartford), 33:40; 3, K Johnson (Oslo), 35:08. O-50: R Stewart (Bracknell AC), 38:45. Women: J Baku (Herne Hill), 39:13.

BECKLEY OPEN ROAD WALK: Men: (10 km): 1, N Carmody (Cambridge Harriers), 48:50; 2, C Lawton (Belgrave), 47:43; 3, C Bradley (Medway), 49:38. Team: Cambridge Harriers, 35pts. Women: (5km): 1, S Wilson (Brighton), 25:42; 2, V Larby (Aldershot), 28:08; 3, J Pope (Brighton), 28:57. Team: Brighton, 6pts.

CAMBOURNE FESTIVAL 10-mile road race: C Martin (Mile High runners), 1:28:41. Team: Mile High runners. Veterans: V Webster (Cornwall AC), 1:29:31.

CHIGWELL ROW: Ilford 7½-mile cross-country championship: J Golding (Ilford), 43:33.

DULWICH: Helsingborg 10½-mile road race: 1, P Kelly (Southampton), 1:59:40; 2, D McGarrell (Southampton), 1:42:40. Women: S Haines (York), 1:58:31.

PETERBOROUGH: Southern women's cross-country league (5,000 metres): 1, N Morris (Sale Harriers), 21:17; 2, A Wyeth (Portsmouth), 21:38; 3, J Cooper (Hounslow), 21:41. Team: Parkside, 28pts.

SANTANDER (Spain): Stade International road race: 1, M Rowland (GB), 4:08:04; 2, D Jones (Bucks), 4:04:01; 3, H Kolher (Neth), 4:05:02.

WORMWOOD SCRUBS: Inter-club 10-mile cross-country race: 1, N Overton (Thames Valley Harriers), 57:33; 2, L Benjamin (Thames Valley Harriers), 59:20; 3, A Sandman (Verlaine), 59:41. Team: Thames Valley Harriers, 26pts.

ZATOPEC ROAD RELAYS, City of London: Senior men (6 x 3½ miles): Team: 1, Highgate Harriers, 1:40:35; 2, Leeds United, 1:41:06; 3, Belgrave Harriers, 1:41:23. Fastest laps: W Dee (Luton), 16:55; E Scanlon (Highgate), 16:05. Women (4 x 3½ miles): Team: 1, Parkside and Harrow, 1:19:03; 2, London Olympiads, 1:20:01; 3, West London Institute, 1:20:17. Fastest lap: A Whitcombe (Parkside and Harrow), 18:58. Men Corporates (4 x 3½ miles): Team: 1, National Westminster Bank, 1:09:39. Fastest lap: M Dunn (Nashua Bunn), 16:30. Women Corporates: (4 x 3½ miles): Team: Cannons Staff, 1:38:51. Fastest lap: J Butler (Cannons), 23:24.

LRRC TWOSOMES TEN (Brockwell Park, London): Men's and Women's 8.2-mile road race, combined team: 1, S Bishop (Box Hill Runners) and E Clarke (Horsham Phoenix), 1:00:55min (Bishop: 2, R Dickson and K Grierson (Croydon), 59:20; 3, W Busaltil and S Briscoe (Dulwich), 59:21; 4, R Jacobs and S Gilnsky (Herne Hill), 1:00:44; 5, S Banks and C Redding (LRC), 1:02:40. Veterans: M Langran and K Gardner, 1:03:37.

BOARD SAILING

BURGHFIELD: Caldecote Cooler Tees Championship: 1, Bewl Valley SC; 2, Samuel SC; 3, Colne Valley SC. Individuals: 1, W Bisham (Queen Mary); 2, J Bysorth (Colne Valley); 3, T Williams (Burghfield).

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Friday: New York Rangers 4, Washington Capitals 1; Buffalo Sabres 5, Montreal Canadiens 3; Toronto Maple Leafs 4, Detroit Red Wings 2; New Jersey Devils 5, Pittsburgh Penguins 4. Saturday: Hartford Whalers 5, Philadelphia Flyers 6; Pittsburgh Penguins 7, Chicago Black Hawks 4; Montreal Canadiens 4, Buffalo Sabres 3; New York Islanders 7, Quebec Nordiques 2; Calgary Flames 3, Toronto Maple Leafs 3 (OT); Boston Bruins 5, St Louis Blues 2; Los Angeles Kings 8, Minnesota North Stars 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

WOOLTOCK NATIONAL LEAGUE: Dudley Hill 16, Haworth 22; Leigh Miners 22, Egremont 18; Pilkington 38, Workington 16; West Hull 28, Milton 12; Wigan St Patricks 52, Milford 8.

BADMINTON

ODENSE: Danish Open: Quarter-finals: Singles: Men: P-E Hoeyer (Den) bt A B Wiranata (Indo), 18-18, 15-11, 15-10; Zheng Qiangwei (China) bt M Stuer-Lauridsen (Den), 15-7, 15-7; I Sigiarto (Indo) bt L Poppie (Indo), 15-10, 18-13; E Kiemlawan (Indo) bt F Permadi (Indo), 17-14, 11-18, 15-8. Women: H Aiping (China) bt C Bostoftle (Den), 8-11, 5-0 (Bostoftle retired); Sri Kartika (Indo) bt P Nedergaard (Den), 12-8, 12-9; C Nguyen (Fra) bt K Larsen (Den), 11-2, 12-10; Li Lingwei (China) bt E Coene (Neth), 11-2, 9-12, 11-3. Semi-finals: Singles: Men: Hoeyer bt Kurniawan, 15-9, 9-15, 15-10; Gunawan bt Sigiarto, 11-15, 15-7, 15-8. Women: Aiping bt Kartika, 11-2, 11-3; Lingwei bt Magnussen, 11-7, 11-2. Doubles: Men: Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi (China) bt E Hartono and Gunawan (Indo), 15-7, 15-8; Rasidi and J Boki (Indo) bt J Marinoff and M Keldsen (Den), 15-5, 15-4. Women: Lu Ying and Guan Weizhen (China) bt S Sankey and G Clark (Eng), 15-1, 15-1; D Kjaer and N Nielsen (Den) bt R Tandean and E Sulistomirai (Indo), 14-17, 15-5, 17-16. Final: Singles: Hoeyer bt Qiangwei, 15-8, 15-18, Women: Li Lingwei (China) bt Han Aiping (China), 11-7, 11-7.

Men's doubles: Li Yongbo and Tian Bingyi (China) bt Rasidi and J Boki (Indo), 15-8, 8-15, 15-4. Women's doubles: Lin Ying and Guan Weizhen (China) bt D Kjaer and N Nielsen (Den), 15-3, 15-12. Mixed doubles: J Kindesen and N Nielsen (Den) bt Gunawan and Lilik (Indo), 15-7, 15-4.

LACROSSE

Conference A: Cambridge University 2, Hampstead 40; Croydon 2, Southampton University 5; Purley 15, Chelmsford 8. Conference B: Blackheath 19, Oxford Univ 11; London University 5, Hillcrest 9. Inter-Counties Flags: First rounds: Brighton &, Croydon A 3.

BRISE NORTHERN LEAGUE: Mellor 10, Stockport 7; Old Waconians 17, Sheffield 8; Sale 8, Neston Mersey 11; Timperley 15, Rochdale 7.

GOLF

SYDNEY: Australian Women's Amateur Championship: Final: C Bourtayre (Fr) bt S Shapcott (GB), 3 and 2.

CHIBA (Japan): Chiba tournament: Final round: Japanese unless stated: 272: M Obaid, 72, 64, 68, 68. 276: I Aoki, 68, 65, 69, 73. 278: Y Nitoki, 69, 67, 69, 73. 279: M Okuda, 72, 70, 66, 69; C Tan (Malaysia), 70, 73, 67, 69. Others: 286: I Baker-Finch (Aus), 68, 72, 70, 70. 287: S Langer (Wal), 69, 73, 69, 76. 288: A Lyle (GB), 71, 74, 71, 72.

PENINSULA: Peninsula Open tournament: Third rounds (US unless stated): 201: T Byrum, 72, 64, 65. 202: B Lietzke, 71, 67, 67; K Green, 69, 68, 65; A Magee, 70, 68, 67; R Stewart, 71, 65, 66. 208: J Cook, 67, 69, 71; B Wadkins, 70, 66, 68; T Sills, 68, 71, 67; L Ten Broeck, 66, 70, 70. 209: D Bytes, 67, 68, 71; D Pohl, 66, 71, 70; R Wrenn, 67, 71, 69; R Barr, 69, 70, 68. 209: H Sutton, 67, 71, 70; M Hayes, 66, 68, 75; K Perry, 68, 72, 70. Other: 213: K Brown (GB), 71, 72, 74.

ROWING

MARLOW LONG-DISTANCE SCULLING RACE: Senior I and overall: R Humphreys (Star and Arrow) 19min 08sec. Open: S Jones (Tideway Scullers), 20:09. Senior II: M Barbarisi (Tideway Scullers), 19:40. Senior III: C MacLellan (Nth), 19:47. Veterans: M Allsop (Tideway Scullers), 19:29. Junior: T Bergerson (Hartlow), 20:21. Novices: H Trotter (Star and Arrow), 19:34. Women's Open: A Gill (Tideway Scullers), 21:14. Women's Senior III: P Smith (Marlowe), 22:41. Team Prize: Star and Arrow.

HENLEY: Upper Thames Small boats head of the river race: Coxed eights: Star and Arrow, 9:49. Coxed Fours: Dead heat Star and Arrow and Oxford Univ, 10:14. Coxless Fours: Star and Arrow, 10:05. Double sculls: Wallingford, 10:37. Coxed Pairs: Hampton Sch, 10:14. Coxless Pairs: Star and Arrow, 10:25. Women: Coxed Fours: Kingston, 9:58, 12:25. Double sculls: Carmel Coll/St Neots, 12:48. Coxless Pairs: Henley Coll, 12:11.

PARIS: Eiffel Tower centenary celebration regatta: (Between Mirabeau and Iena bridges): Oxford University bt Cambridge, by

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS

VC LEEDS PEUGEOT (2-up, 25 miles): 1, P Curran and P Longbottom (Manchester Wh), 52min 43sec; 2, M Harbottle and P Chapman (GS Metro), 56:28; 3, W Cook and N Smith (Chesterfield Couriers), 57:38. Veterans: P Holt and J Grant (VC York), 59:07.

BOGNOR REGIS (Hilly, 28 miles): P Rogers (VC St Raphael), 1:11:22. Team: Southern Vets, 3:51:09.

EASTERN COUNTIES CA (8-up, 23.8 miles): Leo RC (R Van Looy, C Worsfold, I Browning), 52:23.

COVENTRY ALLIANCE (10 miles): 1, G Clarke (VC Slough), 23:16; 2, D Smith (VC Slough), 23:56; 3, P Smith (Leamington CAC), 24:03.

HILL CLIMBS

MATLOCK CC (Riber Hill, 1 mile 440yds): 1, S Hulme (Stoke AC), 5:32.8; 2, R Smart (Mapperley CC) 5:33.1; 3, J Kinchin (Mansfield RC) 5:37.4. Team: Mansfield RC, 17:55.8.

PENDLE FOREST CC (Stoney Bank, Burnley 1,367yds): 1, M Benson (Halifax RC), 4:45.0; 2, P Greenwood (North Lancs RC), 4:54.0; 3, C Gough (VC Elan), 4:56.4.

NORTH LANCS RC (Nick O Pendle, Sabden, 1,400yds): 1 C Boardman (Manchester Wh), 5:00.6; 2 P Sheard (Bradford Wh), 5:42.2; 3, R Langley (Solihull CC), 5:58.8. Team: North Lancs RC, 12:10.6

BRITISH STUDENTS FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1, C Lilyhill (Sheffield Poly), 5:32.0; 2, P Kinch (Bristol Univ), 5:54.0; 3, S Bray (Sheffield Poly CC), 5:54.4. Team: Sheffield Poly, 12:14.4.

CESTRIA CC (Path Bank, Consett, 1.2 miles): 1, B Johnson (Wembley RC), 4:34.0; 2, J Wright (Tyne Velo), 4:36.0; 3, D Cook (Ferryhill Wh), 4:38.0.

SOUTH WEST LONDON COMBINE (Rannora, Dorking, 1,000yds): T Lawn (Kingston Wh), 2:34.5. Team: Clarence Wh, 7:37.1.

CYCLO-CROSS

ROYAL SUTTON CC (Small Heath, Birmingham, 11 miles): 1, A Timmis (Peugeot 2), 57:22; 2, T Davies (Abergavenny CC), at 20sec; 3, N Parks (Wyre Forest), at 54.

MACCLESFIELD WH (10 laps): 1, C Young (Paragon RT), 54:20; 2, P Middleton (VC Oldham), at 2min 57sec; 3, N Craig (VC Oldham), at 3:49.

DARTS

BASILDON: MFI World Matchplay: Quarter-finals: P Evison (Eng) bt J Wilson (Scot), 3-0; R Bimeove (Can) bt M Gregory (Eng), 3-0; R Stewart (Aus) bt J Lowe (Eng), 3-2; E Bristow (Eng) bt C Johns (Wal), 3-0. Semi-finals: Bristow bt Evison, 4-1; Bristow bt Stewart, 4-0. Final: Bristow bt Bimeove, 5-1.

SQUASH RACKETS

SEATTLE: US Open Championships: Quarter-finals: Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt P Kenyon (GB), 12-15, 15-7, 15-6, 15-9; J Hickox (GB) bt Umar Hayat Khan (Pak), 15-11, 15-13, 12-15, 15-8; R Martin (Aus) bt B Martin (Aus), 15-12, 13-15, 15-12, 15-6; C Dittmar (Aus) bt A Taher (Egypt), 15-8, 15-4, 15-8. Semi-finals: Khan bt Hickox, 15-8, 15-11, 15-8; Dittmar bt Martin, 15-10, 15-5, 15-12.

FENCING

LEICESTER CITY OPEN: Foil: Men: 1, J Pimen (London Thames); 2, D McKenzie (Meadowbank); 3, G McMenon (Salle Paul); 4, P Kay (York); 5, D Swanson (Salle Soonsett); 6, M Medcurst (Salle Paul). Women: 1, J Hamnion (Stockport); 2, L Harris (Salle Paul); 3, S Keller (Salle Paul); 4, J Montgomery (Salle Boston); 5, A Ferguson (Ashton); 6, S Heid (Carshn).

EQUESTRIANISM

HELSINKI: World Cup European Showjumping League (first event): 1, R Evans (North), Olympic Sunrise, 72.5 faults; 0 jump-off; 2, W-J van der Schans (Neth), Westfalia Valeur, 78.32; 0 jump-off; 3, N Pessoa (Br), Most Imperial, 86.04; 0 (33.55; 4); 4, S Smith (GB), Brookstreet Olympic Video,

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World champion is unruffled in the first session of Rothmans Grand Prix final

Higgins allows Davis to escape

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis began and ended well but in between could consider himself a little fortunate to take a 6-2 lead over Alex Higgins in the first session of their best-of-19-frame Rothmans Grand Prix snooker final in Reading yesterday.

Davis, the world champion, allowed Higgins, ranked 16 places lower than he, only one shot in the first frame before compiling a stunning total clearance of 137, which conjured thoughts that he was in as mean a mood as when he made three successive centuries in the opening session of his 12-6 victory over Jimmy White last month in the first ranking final of the season.

Indeed, Higgins fell 3-0 behind but he must have been kicking himself, for Davis was in unusually generous mood after his opening flourish and allowed Higgins two good chances, which he scorned, in the second frame and four in the third.

The Irishman wasted the best of them when, set to clear from the second last red, he missed the last when faced with an easy shot into a middle pocket.

The long potting of Higgins had been poor up to that point but he settled for a more tactical game in the fourth frame and reaped the dividend when he won it on the pink, 75-46.

Davis replied with a run of 41 to lead 4-1 but Higgins compiled his best break of the session, 82, to close up to 4-2 behind and could also have won the seventh.

Davis produced two brave and excellent shots to begin a winning run of 64 to make sure of the last frame of the session, needing four more for victory with a further 11 frames to come last night.

Higgins most recently won a title of any kind in 1983 when he recovered from 7-0 down to beat Davis 16-15 in the United Kingdom championship final. Since then, he has played against Davis 14 times and won only twice.

Their paths to the final on Saturday were a contrast. Davis crushed Dennis Taylor 9-1, Taylor sinking only one red in the three frames on Saturday night, while Higgins, 7-0 up against one of the game's bright new prospects, the French Canadian, Alain Robidoux, won 9-7.

FINAL: S Davis (Eng) leads A Higgins (N Ire), 6-2. Frame scores (Davis first): 137-0, 59-37, 77-34, 48-75, 71-19, 0-97, 56-39, 76-17. Semi-finals: Davis bt Dennis Taylor (N Ire), 9-1 (Davis first): 68-44, 76-1, 70-29, 1-119, 75-7, 74-51, 66-24, 83-8, 88-0, 81-4; Higgins bt A Robidoux (Can), 9-7 (Higgins first): 92-23, 73-24, 88-23, 86-34, 85-36, 67-17, 90-15, 52-74, 98-23, 40-64, 48-74, 41-73, 44-84, 25-62, 42-67, 73-18.



Study in concentration: Davis, the inscrutable, has eyes only for his next shot while Higgins watches intently at Reading yesterday (Photograph: Eric Whitehead)

END COLUMN

Out of sight in Seoul no longer

From a Correspondent
Seoul

Kim Won Sam, a taxi driver, was asked his impression of the Paralympic Games here. Instead of talking, he drew a finger down his cheek, tracing the tracks of imaginary tears. To Kim, like many Koreans, the idea of handicapped people in athletic competition is a sad one.

Korea has traditionally treated its maimed and crippled, its deaf and blind, with shame. Parents of disabled children cannot arrange profitable marriages for them or hope to enjoy a comfortable old age on their offspring's salaries. To many Koreans, the best place for the handicapped is out of sight and out of mind.

"I have more sympathy with their parents, even though I feel sorry for the handicapped," said Kim Yong Soon, a housewife who has volunteered as a housekeeper at the Paralympic village.

The presence of more than 3,200 handicapped athletes from 60 countries for the eighth Paralympics – competing in many of the arenas which only a few weeks ago housed the Olympic Games – is making Koreans re-examine their attitudes.

"At first I was afraid of these people," Mrs Kim said. "But now I'm used to them. I think they are changing too. I see them smiling more."

South Korea had 915,000 blind, crippled and other physically handicapped people in 1985, the latest statistics available, according to the Ministry of Health and Social Services. Among the working-age disabled, only 18 per cent had jobs. Another 10 per cent of the total said they would like to work but were unable to find employment.

More than lip service needed

Beside cultural prejudices against the disabled, their lack of opportunity is also due to South Korea's recent entry into the ranks of industrialized nations. With a per capita gross national product of US$3,000, the country is still relatively poor. It has barely begun to offer social services for the elderly and sick, not to mention its handicapped.

The lack of services for the disabled has drawn increasing criticism. In June, several hundred handicapped people protested at the staging of the Paralympics in Seoul, claiming that the Games would assuage the guilt of the rulers by bringing international glory to South Korea but doing little good for the disabled. Some of the handicapped athletes also said the Government should offer more than lip service.

The Paralympics could, in fact, mark a turning point by raising public consciousness about the abilities of the handicapped. Paralympic events are being broadcast on all three national Korean television networks during the day. Visiting foreign athletes in wheelchairs have blazed new trails by venturing to the markets and tourist sites where few handicapped Koreans had been seen.

Little better in the West

In conjunction with the Games, President Roh Tae Woo appointed the first special presidential adviser on the handicapped. In a speech at the Games opening ceremony, the President called for the Paralympics to be "a venue to turn all frustrations into courage, all despair to hope, all prejudice to better understanding".

The first few days of the Games offered mixed messages of how committed South Korea was to serving the world's handicapped. Greeters at the airports had made few provisions for transporting wheelchairs; many athletes, who had trained for years and travelled thousands of miles, learned they were unable to compete because there were too few participants in their category. The Koreans were also late in telling athletes what time they had to compete.

Critics point out that some of these problems should have been spotted by the International Coordinating Committee for World Sports Organizations for the Disabled, which promotes the Paralympics. Nearly everyone has complimented the quality of Seoul's stadiums and the lavish opening ceremonies. And many observers add that advance Western nations do not treat their disabled much better.

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Maxwells agree to Derby's £1m fee for Saunders

By Ian Ross and Dennis Shaw

Dean Saunders last night switched from one Maxwell club to another in a £1 million deal. The Welsh forward left Oxford United – their chairman is Kevin Maxwell – and joined Robert Maxwell's Derby County.

Derby have been chasing Saunders for some time and the transfer represents an enormous profit for the second division club. After paying Brighton only £60,000 for Saunders, he responded with 20 goals for Oxford last season. It is the second agreement this season between the millionaire publisher and his son. Trevor Hebberd moved to the Baseball Ground, with Oxford collecting £200,000 and Micky Lewis.

Mal Donaghy travels to Manchester today optimistic that a little movement by United on personal terms will enable him to complete his £650,000 move. The Luton Town defender, aged 31, has kept the United manager, Alex Ferguson, waiting more than three days for his signature.

"It has been a bit of rush," he explained, "and it's such a big step for me, especially with it being my testimonial season at Luton, that I've wanted to make sure everything is right. There are still one or two things to talk over and, while it is a bit delicate, it's nothing too problematical. Hopefully, something will be done tomorrow."

Ferguson, who talked to Donaghy at his home in the early hours of Saturday morning, and again at Plough Lane after United's game against Wimbledon, is worried that the Northern Ireland international could pull out of the deal, as he did with Chelsea a couple of seasons ago. But Donaghy denies this, saying: "In the end, Chelsea was not the right move for me but this is not similar to that situation."

Donaghy may be the quiet man of football but he has great strength of character, as the United chairman, Martin Edwards, discovered on Friday when he failed to meet the player's terms. Despite the problems, the deal is expected to be finalized in time for Donaghy to be officially registered and available for Wednesday night's rearranged League game against the first division leaders, Norwich City, at Old Trafford.

Ferguson can also expect an early visit today from Peter Davenport, the former England international forward, who will be seeking to learn more about a proposed move to Middlesbrough, of which he says he has no knowledge.

Middlesbrough lodged a bid of £700,000 late last week and although the United board is reported to have accepted the offer. Davenport may be unwilling to move to the north-east.

Ferguson yesterday ended speculation that Bryan Robson, the United and England captain, would be allowed to apply for the vacant managerial post at West Bromwich Albion. "That is a non-starter," Ferguson said.

The West Bromwich board discussed a move for Robson and decided that the problems involved would be too manifold. Brian Talbot remains favourite to replace Ron Atkinson, the manager of Atlético Madrid.

Peter Eustace, who has been in charge at Sheffield Wednesday since the departure of Howard Wilkinson to Leeds United a fortnight ago, could well be asked to remain in control of managerial affairs until the end of the season.

Wednesday's attempts to find a successor to Wilkinson have failed but under Eustace's caretaker managership the club has risen to fifth in the first division.

Newcastle's search for a manager to replace Willie McFaul, whom they dismissed a fortnight ago, could be over this week. Joe Royle, the Oldham Athletic manager, and Keith Burkinshaw are among the latest contenders.

Aberdeen beaten in the last minute

By Roddy Forsyth

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Rangers, who have yet to lose a Skol Cup tie under the management of Graeme Souness, yesterday won the trophy for the third time in succession at Hampden Park in another memorable contest with Aberdeen, last year's losing finalists.

Both sides exorcised the memory of the unseemly League match two weeks ago, in which Ian Durrant was badly injured.

Rangers took the lead, following an atrocious defensive error. Robertson's throw-in towards Snelders found the goalkeeper seemingly unaware of the imminent presence of Drinkell, who was wrestled down by the flailing Dutchman, whose next move was to retrieve the ball from his net after McCoist had converted the inevitable penalty kick.

Aberdeen equalized quickly when Dodds beat Woods from Hewitt's corner but after the interval McCoist and Drinkell both created alarms before Ferguson restored Rangers' lead with a spectacular half-volley from Stevens's throw-in.

But Aberdeen responded quickly once more and seven minutes later they were level again. The architect was Nicholas with a piercing pass to Bett, whose cross found Dodds clear on the far post.

Aberdeen, revived, carried play to their opponents and with four minutes left to play Bett was offered the chance to win the game, but fluffed it.

With a minute remaining, Gough headed on to Drinkell, whose attempt was smothered. However, the ball broke towards McCoist who swivelled and shot for a marvellously opportunistic decisive goal.

ABERDEEN: T Snelders; S McKimmie, D Robertson, N Simpson (sub: B Irvine), A McLeish, W Miller, C Nicholas, J Bett, D Dodds, R Connor, J Hewitt.
RANGERS: C Woods; G Stevens, J Brown, R Gough, R Wilkins, T Butcher, K Drinkell, I Ferguson, A McCoist, N Cooper, M Walters.
Referee: G B Smith.

● Souness walked out of a post-match Press conference, clearly agitated by the presence of some journalists who have been critical of him recently. "It was a good advert for Scottish football and that's all I'd like to say," he said before making an exit.

McFarlane leaves hopes in sand as Smyth claims title

From Mel Webb
La Moye, Jersey

The record books will show that Des Smyth won the BNP Jersey Open golf championship on the fifth hole of a sudden-death play-off against Roger Chapman here yesterday.

But while the two were playing what seemed an endless sequence over the 17th and 18th holes in gathering gloom, there was greater emotion by far to be seen in a man who, to most of the last-day crowd, had already been forgotten.

Ross McFarlane came to La Moye in 124th place in the Order of Merit and needing a good finish to avoid being subjected to the rigours of the Tour qualifying school at La Manga in December. For 71 holes he handsomely exceeded his wildest dreams. At 16 under par, he actually looked likely to win; he was soon to be disillusioned.

He pushed his tee shot left, and to his horror the ball flew into a fairway bunker he did not even know existed, bounced off the shoulder of a spectator, and rebounded into the sand.

He took three to get from under the lip, and bravely got up and down from 70 yards. He had dropped two shots, finished with a 72 for a total of 274, 14 under par, and walked away a white-faced, shocked, but perhaps ultimately wiser man.

Of course, he easily retained his tour card with a final placing of 94th in the money list. He also won his place in the Volvo grand prix at Valderrama this week. They are, he said, no more than consolation prizes. Meanwhile, Smyth, whose last European tour victory was five years ago, and Chapman, who has never had the experience, were slugging it out up and down the last two holes having tied on 273, 15 under par.

Smyth saved himself on the third extra hole with a beautifully hit seven-iron 160 yards out of a fairway bunker to the front edge, and Chapman failed to take the £20,330 first prize when he missed from four and a half feet at the next. Smyth had not played the 17th well all week. In each of his last two rounds he had had bogeys. Not this time, though, a six-iron stopping seven feet from the pin.

He made the putt, and Chapman, unluckily, hit the lip with a 25-footer which stayed above ground. The luck the Irish have enjoyed in the last seven days – Dunhill Cup last weekend, Equity and Law Challenge for Ronan Rafferty on Tuesday – had held.

Try telling that to Ross McFarlane – his father, Noel, was once an Irish youth international footballer.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 273: D Smyth, 69, 68, 69, 67; R Chapman, 68, 68, 68, 69 (Smyth won play-off on fifth extra hole). 274: C Mason, 68, 68, 69, 71; P Way, 71, 69, 65, 69; R McFarlane, 67, 70, 65, 69; N Hansen, 68, 68, 69, 68. 275: D Whelan, 71, 68, 68, 68. 276: C O'Connor, 68, 71, 69, 70; C Moody, 64, 71, 69, 72. 277: S Bottomley, 68, 70, 70, 69; S Tinning (Den), 68, 69, 71, 69; D Gilford, 71, 70, 68, 68. 278: : M Roe, 69, 69, 68, 72. 279: A Chamley, 68, 67, 71, 73.

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	158	3	10	368	4
2	518	5	11	497	5
3	188	3	12	188	3
4	424	4	13	427	4
5	449	4	14	190	3
6	481	5	15	376	4
7	372	4	16	479	5
8	412	4	17	428	4
9	410	4	18	390	4
Out	3,413	36	In	3,321	36

Total yardage: 6,734 Par: 72

Maradona inspires a runaway Napoli win

Napoli scored eight goals yesterday in an exhilarating return to form that put them within one point of the Italian League leaders, AC Milan.

Diego Maradona scored twice and set up three of the other goals in the 8-2 victory against Pescara which also saw a treble from Carnevale, two goals from the Brazilian forward, Careca and one from his compatriot, Alemao.

The result put Napoli on four points after three games.

AC Milan's attacking prowess suffered against an obstinate Lazio defence in a match which ended 0-0.

Real Madrid stormed to the top of the Spanish first division for the first time this season with a thrilling 3-2 win over their arch-rivals Barcelona on Saturday.

Real replaced Johann Cruyff's side as league leaders before a capacity 90,000 crowd in the Bernabéu stadium and ruined their unbeaten record with three goals in a 21-minute spell in the second half.

Benfica and Porto disappointed a crowd of 120,000 at Lisbon with a dour, goalless draw in Portugal's first division match of the day.

Bruno challenge in US

New York (Reuter) – Agreement has been reached to move Mike Tyson's world heavyweight title defence against Frank Bruno from London to Las Vegas, according to Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton.

Cayton said negotiations with the British promoters, Jarvis Astaire and Mickey Duff, were complete and that the bout would take place on January 14 in Las Vegas.

"The deal is done," Cayton said. "All I need is Mike's signature on it." Cayton did not name the venue or how much money Bruno would receive but said Tyson would earn $6 million (about £3.5 million) from the bout, which was originally scheduled for Wembley.

The announcement comes amid the latest contractual dispute concerning Tyson's career. The promoter, Don King, told Cayton on Thursday that he had signed an exclusive four-year agreement to promote all of Tyson's contests. Under the rules of the New York State Athletic Commission, such agreements are prohibited.

Plans for new athletic federation have to wait

By Steven Downes

A single vote at the Amateur Athletic Association's (AAA) general committee meeting on Saturday has ended hopes that a new British federation could be in charge of the sport in this country from January 1, 1989.

Indeed, that single vote may have effectively postponed the federation indefinitely, since it has prolonged the sport's political in-fighting, at least until April next year.

Bill Evans, of the Welsh AAA, presented his working party's report to the general committee on Saturday, knowing there would still be one sticking point: the proposed voting rights on the new federation. The formula of the Southern Counties AA, which had won approval of the clubs at an extraordinary general meeting earlier this year, had to win another ballot, this time against an Evans compromise proposal which maintained an effective voting block from England for a second tier of government on the new federation.

Saturday's poll was split 13-13, with one of the South's previous supporters joining the opposition, which included the AAA officers. "While the officers of the association are prepared to ignore a majority vote of a general meeting, I see no future for any sanity in the sport," a frustrated Dave Bedford, one of the leaders of the southern lobby, said yesterday.

His is a frustration born out of now being faced with the same battles to win again. In order to fulfil the AAA's obligations under company law, yet another EGM on April 2 next year, will require a 75 per cent majority to approve any proposals.

Unless the two sides can agree on a formula at the next general committee meeting in January, the wait for a single governing body of athletics in the United Kingdom, which has already lasted 20 years, looks likely to be prolonged even further.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Drugs test proposal

Frankfurt (AP) – West German sports authorities plan to introduce random drug tests during training, and refusal to take a test will disqualify an athlete from important competitions, officials said yesterday.

Testing is expected to become mandatory after next month's meetings of the National Olympic Committee and the German Sports Association.

Service call

New York (AP) – Patty Fendick has been picked for the United States Wightman Cup team that will play Britain next month.

Seine success

Paris (AFP) – Oxford University beat Cambridge University in the Eiffel Tower centenary celebration rowing regatta on the Seine here on Saturday.



Brookes: a second success

Brookes wins

Russell Brookes won the Audi Sport Rally in Central Wales for a second time when Ford Sierra Cosworths took four of the top six places.

First foils

Jayne Hamnion, from Stockport, became the new women's Leicester City Open foil champion yesterday. The men's event was won by Justin Pitman, of London Thames.

Ski switch

Berne (AFP) – The venue for the opening men's and women's races, in the World Cup alpine skiing season has been changed from Les Menuires to Val Thorens.

Kenya ban

Nairobi (AFP) – Samson Obwocha, who rejected an offer to run in South Africa after he reached the republic, has been banned from competing in Kenya by the Kenyan Amateur Athletics Association.

Seeds prosper

Seattle (Reuter) – The top seeds, Jahangir Khan and Chris Dittmar, easily won their semi-final matches in the US Open squash tournament.

Final position

Lachlan Deuchar will challenge the world champion of real tennis, Wayne Davies, for his title in New York next week.

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